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From County History's Pages . . .

The following historical sketch of the Town of Farmersburg appeared in "The History of Sullivan County, Indiana," of which Thomas J. Wolfe was the editor. Published in 1909, the book carried this notation on its title page: "Closing of the First Century's History of the County, and Showing the Growth of its People, Institutions, Industries and Wealth."

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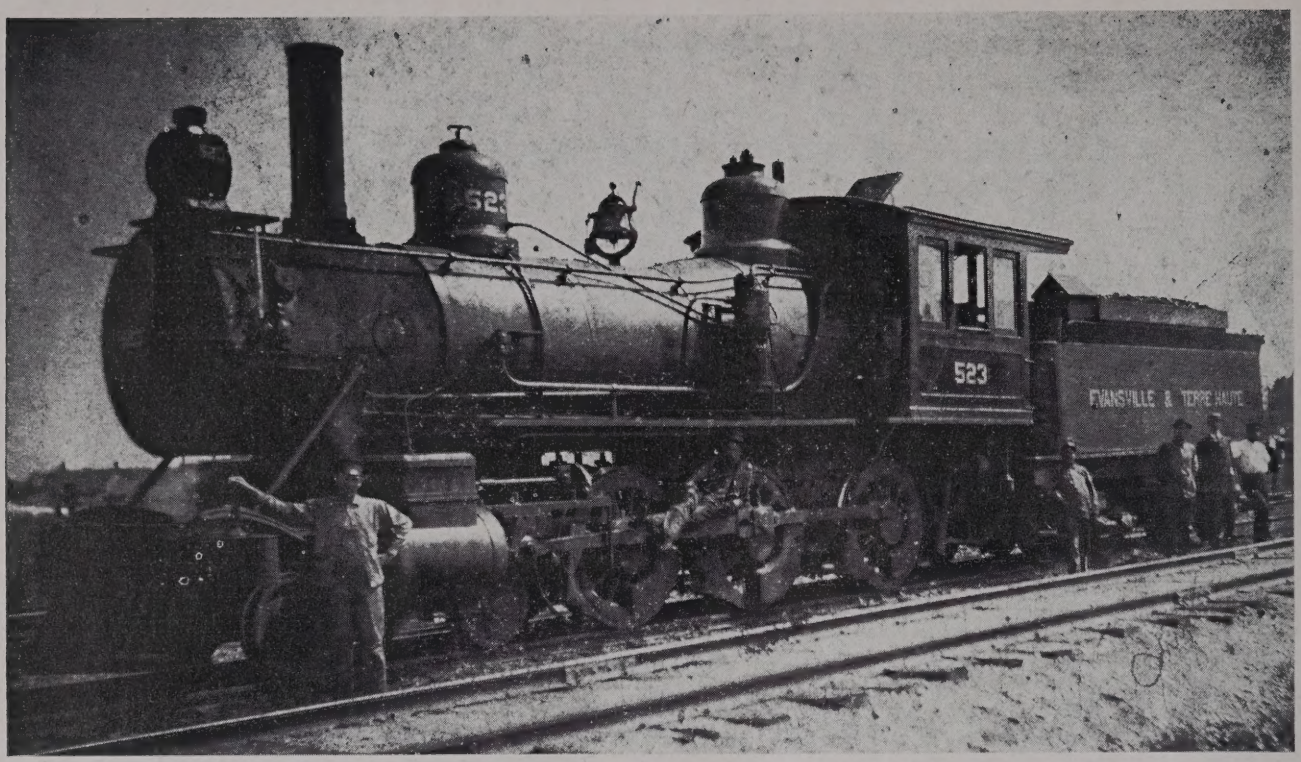
FARMERSBURG

Farmersburg as a business and population center originated with the building of the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad. James Cummins and George Hopewell laid out the village in 1853 on forty acres of land which lay west of the railroad. The founding of the Ascension Seminary here just before the war was the principal institution of the town, and the basis of its growth and prosperity. The word Ascension was used to designate the place as often as Farmersburg. Heap and Crawford laid out an addition to the village east of the railroad, and about that time the town was incorporated. When Captain Crawford moved the seminary in 1872, the departure almost caused the death of the town. One member of the Jennings family moved to the town about 1872, and a little later ran for office of councilman. Only 22 citizens were entitled to vote, and he received 21 votes, the other suffragist remaining at home. There were about 15 or 16 families in town then. Some of the town lots which had brought a good price came near reverting to farm land. About 1903, Church Taylor laid off an addition of 40 acres west of the original plat, and soon afterward Farmersburg began to grow, and has since been on a permanent basis of steady growth.

On the site of the old seminary stands the present Farmersburg Public School building, constructed of brick and concrete, the cornerstone of which was laid September 1, 1905, and which was dedicated for use on Washington's birthday, 1906, the principal address being delivered by Capt. W. T. Crawford. At the close of 1907, a comparative review of the public schools included the contrast between the old, crowded, four-room building and the schoolhouse of ten rooms, the increase of enrollment from 275 to 385, from 35 high school pupils to 85, and a faculty of eight teachers.

In 1892, the Presbyterians of the village erected a small church just east of the railroad, the dedication services being held about November 1st. In 1906, the church had increased so that a new building was needed and with the expenditure of about $4,000.00, the church was remodeled into a pretty little edifice of Bedford stone with cathedral glass windows, and in May was dedicated by the Rev. George Knox. On Jaunary 20, 1907, the new Central Christian Church was dedicated. This was a stone church, of modern design and pleasing architectural lines.

In 1902 were organized the two banks of the town, the Citizens State Bank and the Farmersburg Bank, W. S. Baldridge being at the head of the former organization.



Henry Smithe, Chant Scott, Van Tipton, Ora Jennings, Guy Grizzle, Walter Payne, Wm. Peters

Front row — Andy Ookes, Pearl Fidler, Clyde Fidler, Don Whitmore, Elmer Ring
Second row — Elmer Maratta, Everett Jennings, Clem Fidler, Alt Hauger, John H. Bailey
Third row — Dee Beauchamp, James ....., Chester Walls, Silas Evans
Fourth row — Glen Fox, Gene Sparks, Jesse Reed, Roy Young, Lemmies Frakes

FARMERSBURG . . . . The Town is Born

Simple, everyday living makes history when it becomes the written record of human progress, even in small communities. In this printed report of the growth of our town in one hundred years, it would be impossible to relate all of the incidents that contributed to its development, nor can we comprehend the sacrificial struggles and problems of the pioneers of this area. But we can resolve to add of our best to make this place truly just this side of heaven as the founders must have envisioned it.

The original town of Farmersburg was entered February 9, 1852 by Joseph Dilley and laid out July 15, 1853 by William Hopewell and S. J. Cummins. The plat was located on forty acres of land which was bought from the Wabash and Erie Canal Company. The building of the railroad which was to run from Evansville to Crawfordsville inspired these men to start the town. The railroad station was once called Sibley and we have a Sibley street probably named for a William Sibley who owned land here. Thomas Crary was the first railroad station agent and his daughter, Ida Crary, was telegraph operator. She married George Heap, both are deceased.

The town was laid out west of the railroad. Main Street was north and south along the railroad tracks. Ninty-four lots were first laid out, eighty-four by William Hopewell and ten by S. J. Cummins; the plat was 4½ blocks north and 3½ blocks west. The street at the north line was named Cyrus, next one south, Hopewell; next one, Liston which is our present Main Street and then Sibley. Lots were 60 by 120 feet. Railroad, Hopewell, and Liston streets were 60 feet wide; Second Third, Cyrus and Sibley were 40 feet wide. There were small settlements of people west of here by Friendship Church and east of here by Bennett graveyard.

The town was incorporated in 1873 and records compiled in 1884 give the following town officers:

Councilmen: Robert Vancleave, W. H. Bennett, and Albert Deal. Clerk, J. K. McClain; Marshal, Church Taylor. School Trustees: R. J. Cummins, Jackson Hinkle, and T. H. Kendall.

In early days the town was called Ascension and later changed to the present name.

One of the early business firms was Hanchett and Kelley in 1855. This firm dug coal from a bank and to solve their transportation problem, built a three foot gauge wooden railroad track from the mine to Farmersburg. Their cars had a capacity of 25 bushels each.

William A. Brunker was identified with the early history of the town. He was born in England in 1825 and came to America in 1851. In 1852 he went to Central America, returning to New York in 1854; he came to Farmersburg in 1855. While he had a license to practice medicine, he never was in active practice. He was known for manufacturing Brunker's Carminative Balsam which he made and sold for many years. He finally sold the right to a firm of manufacturing chemists.

In 1858 he established a grain market and general store on the lot north of Baldridge's present location. The first Post Office was in this general store. He was the first Postmaster and served under Presidents Buchanan and Lincoln; he was Justice of Peace for three terms. This early store building was later made into a 21 room hotel. Mr. Brunker bought the Seminary building and moved it to its present location. It was the first store on the north side of our present Main Street. The second story was made into an Opera House where many home talent plays were given and about once a year, a week of plays by some traveling stock company was of special interest.

Mr. Brunker's home is still standing and two of his daughters are living, Mrs. Lizzie Maher of Farmersburg and Mrs. Louisa McClanahan of Wildwood, New Jersey. Mrs. McClanahan is 101 years old.

J. D. Baldridge opened a general store on the site now occupied by the News Office in 1878. The store was moved from there to its present location and has the third and fourth generations in it.

James Heap had a drug store on the corner where May's store is now. His son, George, had a hardware and furniture business in the same location and Ray Heap was the third generation in the same location.

In 1883, George W. Bowne purchased 37 acres; he built the mill which was a frame building 30 by 40 feet and three stories high. Lash and Deal bought the mill from Bowne; later it was owned by Lash and Son. This was William Lash and son, Fred. This mill was located in the south part of town along the railroad. The present mill is run by the third and fourth generations of the Lash family. We find this interesting item of news in the Farmersburg Bee in 1898: "William Lash and Son have purchased 2 new whistles for the mill which will blow at 7, 12, 1, 6 and 7 if running at night."

Other stores were owned by Riley Whitney, R. J. Cummins, Thomas Crary, W. H. Bennett and John and James Branson. Jackson Hinkle was postmaster and notary public.

In 1897 the FARMERSBURG PROGRESS was edited by C. A. Lloyd who sold it to W. A. Foote in 1898 and the name was changed to the FARMERSBURG BEE. At that time the population was 800.

Early Main Street — One landmark missing in this scene today is the two-story Brunker Hotel, which was destroyed by fire, and appears near the railroad station. The other buildings, being of brick, are much the same now.

THE FARMERSBURG RECORD.

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News Notes.

"Under The Laurels."

Mr. T. Crary, was in Terre Haute, Monday on business.

Reed has the Pittsburg coal now on sale at Farmersburg.

The board of commissioners meet next Monday.

Gaskins & Johnson pay the highest market price for hogs.

William T. Beathitt, attorney of Sullivan was here Tuesday.

See Reed for clover and timothy seed

Music, mirth and emotion, at Opera House, March 11th.

Born, on last Friday night, to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, a girl.

For a stylish hair cut go to Apple & Bastian.

T. J. Walls and Mr. St.John, transacted business in Sullivan, Monday.

G. Fred Asbury, spent Friday and Saturday with his cousin D. A. Asbury.

For a good easy shave go to Apple & Bastian. Don't forget the place, Apple & Bastian.

Dudley and Wesley Forbes, went to Terre Haute, last Thursday returning Friday.

Follow me boys, I am going to the Star Barber Shop, where I get nice work done.

When you want a clean shave, sentoum or an up to date hair cut, go see Frank Turner at the East End Barber Shop.

Thrilling storm scene in the drama "Under The Laurels" March 11th Remember the date. Don't miss it.

John Irwin, came home from west Terre Haute, last Thursday, where he has been digging coal. He probably will not return.

Mr. DeHaven, shipped two car loads of hogs to Chicago, Tuesday.

W. S. Baldridge, is in Tangier Ind. this week assisting Albert Deal in taking their first annual inventory of stock.

Mrs. Hollenback and daughter, wish to extend their thanks to their many friends who so kindly assisted them in their late bereavement.

The Farmersburg Dramatic Company will render the romantic southern drama "Under The Laurels" at Opera House Thursday March 11th

Our livery stable has again changed hands. Harding Stewart and James Clark have purchased a two thirds interest, Turner and son retiring.

"I had asthma and other troubles for years. Gravitts System Regulator done me more good than any other medicine."

Chas. McClanahan.

John Frakes who lived near the Grange Hall in Vigo Co., died Monday. Mr. Frakes had measles followed by a complication of diseases which resulted in death. He is a brother of William Frakes, who lives west of town.

Camp Gaskins G. A. R. Post has returned back to their old Camp Ground in Brunkers hall. They hold the fort every first and third Saturday in each month. But at their last Saturday rendezvous they generously agreed to surrender the fort to the use of the Sullivan County Farmers Institute on the first Saturday in March, as they want to hold a two days session in the hall; Morning afternoon and evening of March the fifth and sixth 1897. And the G. A. R. Post will occupy the store room below the hall for the business transactions of their regular meeting.

I have given Chamberlains Cough Remedy a fair test and consider it one of the very best remedies for croup that I have ever found. One dose has always been sufficient, although I use it freely. Any cold my children contract yields very readily to this medicine. I can conscientiously recommend it for croup and colds in children. Geo. E. Wolff, Clerk of the circuit court Fernandina, Fla. Sold by Geo Sharpe & Co

Mr. Ned Crowder, of Sullivan, transacted business here Tuesday.

T. V. Pittman sells Gravetts System Regulator.

Parmenus Stutsman, was in town Tuesday and called at THE RECORD OFFICE.

Re-served seats for "Under The Laurels", will be on sale next week. Popular prices of admission.

Imperial and Scotch Clipper Plows and Deering Binders at Branson & Co.

The surveyors were here Monday setting stakes on the proposed gravel roads.

Superior finished Photos, for 50 cents at Bullerman art studios in Sullivan and Carlisle

D. A. Asbury will leave for Terre Haute Friday, to take his old position with the Havens & Geddes Co.

Mrs. T. K. Sherman, of Sullivan, spent the fore part of this week with friends and relatives here.

"I had stomach trouble. Gravitts System Regulator done me more good than all other remedies."

Mrs. Montgomery.

Bills for a band entertainment to be held at Sullivan Monday night, March 1st, were printed at this office.

C. A. Bennett raised the crossing near the postoffice, Monday. It is to be hoped that the good work will not be stopped at this one crossing as there are others in town that need the same treatment.

Volume 1 No. 1 of the Linton Record is before us. It is a neat six column quarto "chuck full" of news notes and good reading matter. We wish brother Naugle success in his new undertaking.

John Lloyd and wife, of Terre Haute, have been visiting in this locality. Mr. Lloyd has sold his hotel (Boston House) to Jas. Manburn. Mr. Lloyd takes twenty acres of land in the deal.

The play which is to be given by home talent, March. 11th is to be a benefit entertainment. but it has not been fully determined under what society it will be played However, it has been the intention to play under the auspices of Farmersburg band.

A few months ago, Mr. Byron Every of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first bottle of it helped him considerably and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by Geo. Sharpe & Co.

Mrs. Francis Apple, widow of John W. Apple deceased, through the efforts of Wint Foote, our courteous and obliging Pension Attorney, has been granted a pension of twelve dollars per month from the date of her husband's death. We bespeak for Mr. Foote success in this new undertaking into which he is entering with so much zest and civility, and would heartily recommend him to the favor of those having pension business to do.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredricktown, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time when he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians of Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by Geo. Sharpe & Co.

An effort is being made to bring the annual G. A. R. state encampment to this city in 1898. On Friday night the two G. A. R. posts, the two Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans, of this city, will meet in G. A. R. hall on south Third street to appoint committees and discover the sentiment of the people. These encampments bring together from 5,000 to 8,000 veterans and their families each year. The convention this year will be held at Richmond, May—12.—Terre Haute Gazette.

Don't fail to see Zeke at Brunker's Opera house Thursday March 11th.

J. W. Adams was in Middletown a short time Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Wirt Muckley of Vincennes Ind., and Mrs. Anna Kitchell, of Palestine Ill., are the guests of the editor's family to-day.

Joseph Akers' whose home was near Pimento, died last Monday. He was born in Kentucky Feb. 19, 1820 and moved to Vigo County in 1826 where he has resided ever since. He was a member of the Baptist church. A wife and four children survives him. A. S. McGlone of this place was his nephew and was in attendance at the funeral, Tuesday.

The young man who gracefully lifts his hat to every young lady he passes on the street and then goes home and allows his mother to split the kindling, bring in the coal and do the chores, does not know the first principle of politeness.

Major McKinley will, at the time of his inauguration be 54 years of age. Nine presidents entered the White House at an earlier age, Grant at 47, Cleveland at 48, Garfield and Pierce at 39, Polk at 50, Fillmore at 50, Tyler and Arthur at 51 and Lincoln at 52.

A farmers institute will be held here on the 5th and 6th of March. Prof. Plumb, of Purdue University will be the principal instructor. —E. C. Allen, of Farmersburg, was in town Saturday.—John R. Allen, of Farmersburg, was in town Monday.—Wint Foote, Dr. Kennedy and wife, D. S. Apple and Asa Bastian, of Farmersburg, were in Sullivan Wednesday, attending the Odd Fellow's meeting. —Sullivan Times.

Applicants For License.

Following is the list of applicants for license to teach school next term:

Ora Ridgeway Wingle Ridgeway from No. 7. Comodore Smith, Frank Hazelrigg, Stella Martin, No. 10. Albert Thicher No. 4. Lizzie Studer, No. 9. Rittie Timmons, No. 9. Minnie Bushell No. 19. Mittie Benefiel No. 6. Etta Engle No. 6.

The School Board decided at their meeting Wednesday night, to dismiss school for two weeks, on account of the measles.

Obituary.

On last Sunday afternoon occurred the death of John Johnson, and old resident of Jackson township.

John Johnson was born near Jamestown, Ohio June 22, 1827. Died Feb. 21st 1897, aged 69 years, 7 months and 29 days. Was Married to Martha H. Curry March 27th 1857, who survives him. No children were born to this union. He has been a member of the Presbyterian church for nearly fifty years, having united in 1851, serving several years in the old Clayborn church as elder, and lived a consistent christian life until his death. He came to Sullivan county in 1844, and has since resided here. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mayhue, of Sullivan, assisted by Rev. Couchman, of this place. Text: Ephesians, 2nd Chap., 8th verse:

"For by grace are ye saved, though faith: and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."

He was buried by Gaskins Post, 504, G. A. R. Funeral train left Farmersburg depot in charge of Conductor Hopper, at 12:00 M. for Nyes Chapel Cemetery.

His brother Wm. H. Johnson, was unable to attend the funeral on account of sickness. He has sisters living at the following places; Anna Brown, Leland Iowa; Eleanor Peterson, Philo, Ill.; Mary Heck, Farmersburg, Ind. Thus ends a life of usefulness.

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TEMPERANCE FIGHT.

Nicholson's Anti-Quar. Shop Bill Stands Low 0 In. site.

The temperance question came up in rather lively shape Monday afternoon in the house when Mr. Nicholson demanded that the temperance committee report on his anti-saloon shop bill, which has been slumbering in the committee ever since the beginning of the session. Last week Mr. Nicholson presented a resolution ordering the committee to report it next day, but Mr. Willoughby, a member of the temperance committee, succeeded in having the matter put off until to-day. Under the supposition that the house might adjourn today in honor of Washington, the house did not adjourn, however, and during the morning Mr. Willoughby waved up the report of the temperance committee. It was presented by Christian Krats when demanded. The report recommending the bill be stricken out and a bill substituted which is a modified form of the bill drawn by the attorneys of the State Liquor League. The substitute bill permits the saloons to remain open until 12 o'clock in cities of 10,000 or more. It makes it lawful to sell liquor in less quantities than three gallons at a time without having procured a license. The rest of the bill is devoted to the question of issuing licenses, and makes it much more difficult to shut out a saloon by remonstrance than the Nicholson law now in force. The remonstrance, like that of the Nicholson law must be signed by a majority of the legal voters, but it must also show immorality or specific violation of the liquor law on the part of the applicant. Mr. Nicholson submitted a minority report and after a right sharp parliamentary skirmish the matter was made a special order for today. The house was unquestionably in favor of anti-saloon legislation.

Cyclone Struck Clay county near Brazil, north of Brazil Sunday evening, leaving ruin in its wake. The path of the storm was about one hundred yards wide and three miles in length. Trees were torn up and carried for miles through the air; fences were lifted and strewn over the country. Small buildings were caught up and twisted into splinters. Two large stock barns on the farm of M. A. Johnson & Co. were lifted clean off their foundations, and whirled and twisted through the air, being deposited in debris for several miles along the path of the cyclone. One barn was filled with live stock, but they were left standing and unharmed. The storm took the top from a buggy occupied by a man and carried it two miles, doing no harm to the man or his horse. The boiler house at the No. 5 shaft of the Brazil Block Coal Co., was unroofed, the smoke stack carried away and the large dump wrecked. Much other damage was done by the storm.

There are a few people whose good nature is so phenomenal that if caged would be a drawing freak in a show museum. One of these, whose presence would make a January thaw seem like June, lives not far from Spencer and possesses two comely girls. One night, recently, a couple of young bucks, with more vitality than judgment, called on the daughters, staid a much longer time than necessary and were so hilarious that the hogs on the adjoining farm grew suspicious. The next day this good natured man was saying to a neighbor: "I tell you them boys had a mighty good time! Me and the old woman couldn't sleep a wink till they left, but I tell you I like to see young people enjoy themselves.

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Mr. Nicholson and family returned from Alum Cave today where they were called by the serious illness of Mrs. Nicholson's mother.

HOT SHOTS

Not Necessary for Any Explanation.

Until March the 1st, I shall offer some of the rarest bargains ever heard of in the State

For $5.48 you can have choice of any SACK, FROCK or PRINCE ALBERT SUIT in my store. Makes no difference what the former price was.

For $2.98 you can take choice of ANY PAIR OF ODD PANTS. Makes no difference what the former price was.

I offer TWO LOTS of PANTS at $1.48 and $1.98 that cannot be equaled for $2.00 and $2.50

I offer THREE HUNDRED Fine FUR CRUSH HATS, silk lined, for men and boys, worth $1.00 for 25c. The greatest bargain in the United States. See them in the window

I offer One hundred Pairs of all wool Jeans Pants that SOME PEOPLE ADVERTISE FOR HUMBOLT at $1.00 cents per pair. Sizes from 31 to 42.

For $2.98 you can have choice of any CHILD'S SUIT in my store. Makes no difference what the former price was.

For $6.50 you can have choice of any BOY'S SUIT in my store.

For $2.75 you can have choice of any soft or stiff hat. Best quality Rex.

For $7.98 you can have choice of any BEAVER OVERCOAT, blue or black only.

For 6.50 I offer 50 Overcoats in Kersey and Chinchilla storms; worth $9.00 to $11.00.

I offer one lot of pretty good Pants for men at 98c per pair. All sizes

I offer Genuine Humbolt Jeans Pants extra sizes included during this sale for $1.40

I have about 75 suits in small sizes worth from $6.00 to $8.00 that are very hard to sell on account of having no large ones. The qualities are guaranteed to be best class or money refunded. You can have your pick for $5.00 per suit

I offer 50 Genuine Storm Cape Coats that form the rain and are all good colors for $2.98. No one can equal them for less than $4.50.

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FARMERSBURG, IND.

The Jennings Brothers—Marshall A., Sylvester, Rufus, Emory, Walker, Elza

Walker V. Jennings — 1916

FARMERSBURG . . . Built On 'The Rock'

The first church in the community and also the first one in Curry Township was Friendship Baptist Church; it was organized in 1833 with 17 charter members, namely: Jesse Barbre, Sarah Barbre, William Julian, Delilia Julian, Richard Canady, Mary C. Canady, Elijah Dewitt, Leney Dewitt, Daniel Hammack, Steven Stark, Jesse Stark, Sarah Stark, Sebrun Barbre, William Stark, Risiah Stark, Sarah Barbre, Rhoda Barbre.

The church called its first pastor, Elder William Stansil, September 7, 1833. Services were held in the homes of members until about 1844 when they succeeded in building a log house. About 1860 this building was destroyed by fire and was replaced by the present building. This church was erected on the property of Elijah Gaskins and was deeded to the church in 1890. The cemetery was deeded to the church by Sebrun Barbre in 1866.

The Methodist Church was the first church in Farmersburg being organized about 1855. Among the first members were Jesse Gaskins and family, John Denney and family, Samuel Gaskins and family. Rev. Asbury first preached in a warehouse near the railroad, also in private homes and the District school house until the erection of Ascension Seminary about 1860 which for years served as a preaching place for all denominations.

The circuit was first known as the Fairbanks circuit and subsequently the Currysville circuit and later the Farmersburg circuit, with Farmersburg, Ebenezer, Fletcher's Chapel and Pimento. Pimento was organized in 1894 and the church was erected in 1895.

In 1883 Elders Thompson and Overholtzer set up a tent and organized the Seventh Day Adventists. Later a church was built.

The Church of Christ Bible Study was organized December 28, 1890 in Cummins Hall with 23 present. The teachers were Taylor Gaskins, Miss A. J. Debaun and Mrs. Issie McClain. On October 31, 1892, W. H. Devore of Vinton, Ohio, came here and held a tent meeting and it was decided to build a church. The minister assisted in cutting down trees, sawing logs and looking after the finances. Silas Deal gave the logs for the rough lumber and the church was built on a lot owned by Hartley Bennett. The building was completed and ready for use by last of February 1894.

The first Presbyterian Church in this section of the country was organized in 1840 and was located where the Baldridge mine hotel stood and was built of logs. Samuel Curry and family and William Watson and family were some of the charter members. William Curry hauled the logs with two yoke of oxen. The logs came from a woods just east of No. 6 school house.

The Church was called Claiborne; it grew rapidly and was the center of most religious gatherings of Currys' Prairie. People came from miles around; on account of the distance, some people had to come, a petition was drawn up May 24, 1884, asking the Vincennes Presbytery to allow them to organize a Church in Hamilton township about 6 miles south of Hymera which was called Lower Claiborne. After this change Upper Claiborne was called Salem. In 1889 two more churches were organized—Sugar Grove and the Presbyterian Church in Farmersburg which was called Salem. Prominent among the men holding offices in the two churches and Salem were Dr. Ziba Foote, C. R. Wallace, J. D. Baldridge, Albert Campbell, A. Carrithers, Wint Foote, L. J. Self, W. S. Baldridge and S. U. Brown. Services were held in the Brunker Opera House until the first Presbyterian Church was built in 1892. This building was remodeled in 1906.

The Central Christian Sunday School organized December 25, 1904, the church in 1905 and the church building was erected in 1906. There were 27 charter members, some of whom were W. V. Jennings and family, Thompson Scott and family, Josephine Hopewell, Denny Bolinger and wife, John T. Barbre and family.

Rev. A. M. Couchman compiled the following statistics concerning Farmersburg; they were published in the Farmersburg Bee, May 13, 1909.

Total Population	1,168
Population west of railroad	781
Population east of railroad	387
Males	578
Females	590

Voters	323
School Age	336
Member of some church	482
Non-church members	686
Under 12 years of age	296
Over 12 years of age	872
Catholics	18
Attending some Sunday School	468
Not attending Sunday School	709
Under 6 years of age attending Sunday School	128
Over 6 years not attending Sunday School	472

Number and Condition of Dwellings

Number of dwellings in Farmersburg	340
West of railroad	227
Empty west of railroad	26
East of railroad	113
Empty east of railroad	14
Empty dwellings	40
Occupied dwellings	300
Own their own homes	198
Live in hired homes	102
Dwellings rented and for rent	142
Church members who own homes	156
Non-church members who own homes	42
Church members in hired houses	31
Non-Church members in hired houses	71

In fine, 70 percent are out of the church, 29 percent are in the church, but 27 percent of the Christians own 70 percent of the dwellings, or every time one non-Christian can buy a home, three Christians can buy a home.

Rev. Couchman came to the Farmersburg Methodist Church in 1893 serving until 1898. He returned again in 1904, serving until 1909—making a total of ten years' service in the local church. He retired from active ministry in 1932 and is now living in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is 94 years old and each year on Decoration Day he returns to Farmersburg and enjoys visiting with old friends.

Building the Bank—Standing on the second floor at corner with trowel in hand, Emory M. Jennings; standing in window with hammer, Jim Collins, next with hand on wall, Charley Manwarring. On ground in doorway, Jim Cochran; with hand on pillar, Elza Jennings, and next to him, Rufus Jennings.

Birdseye view of Farmersburg, 1905

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DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS.

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Ed Ford Chairman
Jos. Asbury
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Dan Moore,

D C. Taylor,
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T. Shaffer, Marshal
James Drummond, Night Watch

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John Wood, chairman
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Thomas J Walls, Trustee
will H Bennett, Assessor
Wint Foote and P S Taylor, Justices of the Peace

County Officers

wm it Fraker, Treasurer
Jas R Riggs, Auditor
W M Shepherd, clerk
A. Drummond, Recorder
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In Chief Parker, Sheriff
C. E. Ford, Prosecuting Attorney
W W Moffett, Circuit Judge
Maxwell, coroner
J R Joseph, Martin M Pope John Goodwin, Commissioners.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES.
E. & T. H.

SOUTH BOUND TRAINS

Stations	1	3
	p m	a. m.
Lv Terre Haute	2 45	5 38
Pimento	3 10	6 03
Farmersb'g	3 18	6 09
Shelburn	3 50	6 21
Sullivan	4 20	6 51
Carlisle	3 56	6 48
Oaktown	4 07	7 00
Vincennes	4 35	7 25

NORTH BOUND TRAINS.

Stations	2	4	8
	a. m	p m	p m
Ar T. Haute	11 00	11 10	3 20
Pimento	10 36	10 45	
Farmersbg	10 30	10 39	3 02
Shelburn	10 21	10 28	2 50
Sullivan	10 10	10 18	2 47
Carlisle	9 51	9 57	2 30
Oaktown	9 40	9 45	2 19
Vincennes	9 11	9 15	1 54

Mail Arrivals.

The mails arrive at the Farmersburg P O. as follows:

1st mail, from north—6:11 A. M.
2nd " " south—10:30 " "
3rd " " north— 3:18 P. M.

MAILS DEPART.

1st mail, going north—10:15 A. M.
2nd " " south—3:35 P. M.

VANDALIA LINE
In Effect Dec. 5th 1897
TRAINS LEAVE TERRE HAUTE

FOR THE WEST.

No. 21, Daily, 2:40 p m For St. Louis
" 11, " 9:00 p m " "
" 7 " 1 40 a m " "
" 5 " 10:15 a m " "
" 3 "Ex Sun'dy 6:45 For Effingham
" 7 Daily 7 10 a m " Peoria
" 21 "Ex Sund'y 3:35 " Decatur

FOR THE EAST.

No. 20, Daily 12:35 p m For Indianap'lis
" 8, " 1:50 p m " "
" 6, " 2:25 a m " "
" 12, " 11:23 a m " "
" 2, " 5:15 p m " "
" 4, "Ex Sun 7:20 a m " "

FOR THE NORTH

No. 6, Ex Sun. 6:17 a m For St. Joseph.
" 8, " 4:20 p m "South Bend
For time-table card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address C. M. Wheeler, T P A. Terre Haute, Ind., or E. A. Ford, G P A St. Louis, Mo

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES.

M. E. Church.

Sunday School each Sunday—10:00 a. m
Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m.
Epworth League. Friday 8 p. m
Class meeting. Sunday 11 a. m.
Preaching each Sunday night at 8.

Christian Church.

Sunday School. Sunday 10 a. m.
Social Worship. Sunday 11 a. m.
Prayer meeting each Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Preaching every Thursday & Sunday, Saturday night and sunday night.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School Sunday 10 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
Preaching every Sunday night and every other Sunday morning

S. D. Adventist Church.

Sabbath school each Sabbath 10 a. m.
Devotional Service Sabbath 11 a. m.
Prayer meetings on Wed. nights.

Baptist Meetings.

The first Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night in each month.
Rev Downey, Pastor.

PRODUCE PRICES

In Farmersburg Wednesday

Hogs	$4 25
Cattle	$3 25 to $4 00
Wheat	81 10
Corn	40c
Oats	30c

News Notes

See J. H. Branson for reliable farm Insurance. 12 9

Rains have been plentiful and the harvest promises to be bountiful in this section.

C. F Shivers has sold his store east of the railroad to Charley McClanahan. Mr. McClanahan is the well known barber, a hustler and should he conclude to open up the store we believe that he will be successful.

Waggoner & Jenning found an abundance of good water in their well at a depth of 35 feet. A peculiar feature of this well is that they found no hard pan while the most of them find it at a depth of about 15 feet.

Card of Thanks.

We, the Baptist Helping Hand Society, wish to extend to the Farmersburg Dramatic Club, our thanks for the $4.55 which they donated to us as our portion of the proceeds from "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" given at Brunker's Hall on the night of the 30th of May Mrs. R. S. Lloyd. President.

Friends and neighbors, I sincerely thank you for sympathy and kindness to me during my late sickness, and shall long remember your generous act in bringing teams, June 7th, and planting 10 acres of corn and breaking several acres of ground We hope that your kind acts may never fail to bring you sympathizing friends in time of misfortune. Marion Phillips.

Excursion to Washington, D. C.

The Vandalia Line will sell low rate excursion tickets to Washington, D. C., July 3d to 6th, inclusive, 1898, extreme return limit August 31st. For full particulars address nearest Vandalia Line ticket agent, or E. A. FORD, General Passenger Agent, St. Louis, Mo.

Z. T Montgomery and wife and two youngest children left this week for a trip to Oklahoma, where Mr. M., and Jake Carney, who accompanied them, will attend to the harvesting of his 140 acre wheat crop, which is reported to be very fine, promising a yield of close to 40 bu. per acre. The party took advantage of the cheap excursion rates to Dallas, Texas, and contemplate making the round trip stopping at Oklahoma on their return where Mrs. M. and the children will visit relatives until the harvest is over. It will be a delightful outing, and the best wishes of their many friends go with them.

Woodmen Picnic.

Last Thursday, June 9th, Farmersburg camp M W. of A. held their 2nd annual outing in Frake's Grove about 1½ miles west of here. About nine o'clock they began to leave town headed by a large two horse wagon containing, ice cream and lemonade. Arriving at the grove they busied themselves in preparing their refreshments and putting up swings. At the noon hour neighbor Pittmans face was seen to have on a very large grin as he called the ladies up with their large baskets boxes and buckets filled with the good things of life, prepared only as woodmens wives know how to prepare them. The tables were spread and promptly surrounded by a gay happy crowd of people. Photographer Apple being present views of the crowd at dinner table was taken. After dinner a short program of songs and declamations was rendered, after which neighbor Whitlock gave a few well chosen remarks in his usual happy way. After dinner the crowd was again snapped at by the photographer and then fishing was indulged in by the younger people. About 3 o'clock ice cream and cake was served, and about 4 p. m. all went home expressing themselves as being well pleased with the days entertainment.

Railroad Rumors.

G. A. R.

ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

On Saturday evening, June 18, 1898, beginning at 4 o'clock p. m., and continuing till 10, in

Brunker's Hall,

Farmersburg, Ind.

Admission to hall with ice cream and cake, 10 cents. Extra dishes, 5 and 10 cents. Everybody invited. By order of committee: Wm. Elby, E. K. Asbury, Frank St. John.

Sunday School Convention.

The Sunday Schools of curry township will hold an annual convention at Bonnett's Grove, July 4th. A profitable program and good time is assured. All are invited.

contractors collins and Dodd have W V. Jennings new residence property nearly ready for occupancy It is a neat structure and the workmanship speaks well for the gentlemen who had the work in charge.

Summer Normal.

The Summer Normal to be taught by R. B. Douglas and Thompson Scott, will begin next Monday June 20. All pupils who read in the fourth reader and up are invited to attend. Tuition $2½ and $3.00.

The following persons visited at Sam Johns Tuesday and ate sarvis berries. Wm. Johns sr. and wife, C. A. Lloyd and wife, Jack Johns and wife and Rita Montgomery and Parish, Ray Heap, Willie Gaskins and Jim Johns.

Luther Foxworthy brought us a sample of gooseberries grown in the yard of Francis St. John in the west part of town the largest of which measured three inches and one eighth in circumference They are a new variety, named Prolific, and true to name.

Dr. E. R. Riggs has opened his office in the new Davis Hotel block and has one of the neatest and prettiest dental offices in southern Indiana. He has been very successful in the practice of his profession in Carlisle the past two years.—Sullivan Democrat.

The christian Sunday School went to Bennetts Grove Tuesday evening for a half days outing but before they had got to enjoying themselves a rain came up and they had to go home. they contemplate going again in a few days and it is hoped that they will be favored with better weather.

Old Uncle Billy Harmon of Fairbanks township died Monday and was buried at the "Old Poplar" cemetery Wednesday. Mr. Harmon was 97 years old and probably the oldest man in the county. At one time he owned a large body of land but possessed very little at his death. He was father-in law of Albert Hopewell.—Sullivan Times.

A jolly party of Willing Workers started this (Wednesday) morning for Liberty church for a day's outing. They all had well filled baskets and got an early start. A slight delay was caused in re-arranging Mr. Burton's big team of horses to his wagon. They were harnessed and hitched up by Mrs. N. E. Ford and driven to town when it was discovered the harness was on upside down and the horses hitched up binsed. James Moore is the responsible party of this establishment.

Nine years ago Mrs Maggie McClain lost a valuable gold ring on her fathers place a half mile west of town, and after hunting for it quite a while gave it up as lost. The other day while her father, Uncle Nathan McClanahan was plowing in a field close to where the ring was lost, he turned up something bright and shining which upon examination proved to be the lost ring. It was just as bright and glistened just as [illegible] the day it was lost.

DROP IN ON US.

All persons who are in need of Building Material are invited to call on The Farmer's Lumber Co., which has recently been organized in Farmersburg. They have a large stock of Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Doors, Windows, Blinds. Also Lime, Cement, Hair, Adamant and Acme Plaster, and are prepared to give estimates on any and all bills.

Call and see before you purchase.

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Wash fabrics and stylish for spring and summer wear

You'll find them here at very reasonable prices.

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MADRAS Checks and Plaids

For waists at 7½ cents per yard

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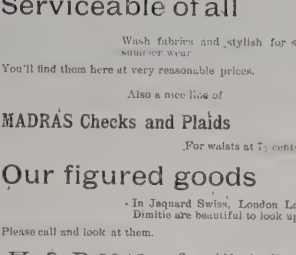

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Of the present day is not that of a few years ago.—"Have you a Shoe," but is your shoe the

Hamilton Brown?

When you are in need of Footwear call in and let us fit you out with something that is Up-To-Date and at a very reasonable price.

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Spring Hats,
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Are now in. You should examine them and get prices. We have everything down to Rock Bottom Prices.

Bring us you Eggs Butter and Poultry

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Personals.

Variety Riding and Walking Cultivators. Branson & Co.

Sam Pratt was in town Tuesday.

John Pittman transacted business here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs Jas Forbes were in town Friday.

C. V Boston of Centerville was here Tuesday.

Oscar Patten of Star City was in our city Tuesday.

Wesley Forbes left Monday for Danville Ind.

Miss Clara Marlow of Sullivan was here Thursday.

Joseph Asbury of Hymera was in town Monday.

Clay Denny of Prairie Creek was in town Monday.

Charley Whitney of Sullivan visited here Sunday.

Thurman McDonald spent Sunday in Centerville.

Sam Johns and wife visited at Geo. Heaps Sunday.

Alick Beard of near Pimento was in town Saturday.

Wm. Gray of Illinois is visiting at M. A. Jennings.

Charley Crawley of Sullivan was in our city Saturday.

Chas Beasley transacted business in Sullivan Monday.

W. S. Baldridge transacted business in Sullivan Monday.

Miss Dode Smock spent Sunday with Miss Lavade Walls.

J. R. Allen and family visited friends in Shelburn Sunday.

Most accurate Corn Planter and Drill, Branson & Co.

Arthur Cole visited at his home in Evansville Sunday.

Chas. McClanahan transacted business in Sullivan Tuesday.

Asa Hall of Burchard transacted business here Saturday.

Jno. A. Curry of Terre Haute passed through here Saturday.

Arthur O'Haver of Sullivan visited his mother here Sunday

Will Bowens and family visited at W. S. Baldridges Sunday.

C. G. Stock and son Orian of Centerville were in town Monday.

Mr. Glover a Terre Haute traveling man was here Thursday.

Will Crary of Terre Haute transacted business here Tuesday.

Miss Saidee Hillis of Terre Haute visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs W. V. Jennings spent Sunday the guest of Mrs Arthur Hopewell.

Earl Liston and family of near Pimento passed through here Sunday.

Hardin Stewart and family of Fairbanks Tp. visited relatives here Sunday.

Otis Asbury attended the entertainment at Centerville Saturday night.

Steel Ranges, four styles, at Branson & Co's.

A Childrens day program was rendered at Friendship Baptist church Sunday.

Bert Beasley of Hymera visited his cousin Charley Thursday and Friday.

Miss Josie Price of Terre Haute visited Mrs Minnie McNegley Sunday.

Ora and Claude Jennings and T. C. Beecher went to Terre Haute Monday.

Rev. Nixon of Carlisle attended quarterly meeting at Ebenezer Friday and Saturday.

Misses Minnie Manwarring and Dollie Kendall visited in Shelburn Sunday.

Jesse S. Harold of Centerville candidate for Recorder of Vigo Co. was in our city Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Rice McClain of Terre Haute spent Sunday at uncle Nathan McClanahan's.

There will be a Children Day program rendered at Fletcher's Chapel next Sunday afternoon.

Mrs Ellen Mitchell and sister Maggie visited in the vicinity of Pleasantville last week.

Several of the young people of Farmersburg attended church at Friendship Sunday afternoon.

Roy McClanahan of Sullivan visited his grandmother, Mrs S. A. Heap the latter part of last week.

BARGAINs
In Clothing.

Wishing to enlarge my Millinery Department I will be compelled to reduce my stock of clothing, and am going to give the lowest prices ever made in the city.

Dont forget the place

J. F. BURTON.

E. R. RIGGS,
DENTIST,
NEW DAVIS HOTEL BLOCK,
SULLIVAN, INDIANA.

Bulk Garden Seed at Branson & Co's.

Prosecuting attorney chas. D. Hunt and wife of Sullivan were here a short time Tuesday evening.

Miss Emma Taylor of the State Normal, Terre Haute spent Sunday with her father, B. W. Taylor.

Deputy Head Consul, P. W. Whitlock of Springfield Ill., is still here in the interest of the M. W of A.

A. P. Asbury, traveling salesman for the Champion Machine Co. spent Sunday at his home south of town.

Tom Bennett and family, Wm. A. Gaskins and wife and B. W. Taylor attended church at Liberty Sunday.

Carl McAllister and wife of Terre Haute visited at Wint Foote's Sunday. He is breaking on the Vandalia R. R.

Dudley and Wesley Forbes, accompanied by Misses Stella and Flossie Branson spent Sunday in Terre Haute.

Rev. Couchman baptized 11 converts last Thursday afternoon at the mill pond. 9 were immersed and 2 sprinkled.

Miss Gratia Gray of Shelburn passed through here Sunday on her way to Elwood Ind. where she will spend the summer.

Ora Jennings, Walter Payne, Claude Jennings, Mark McConnell, Newt. Arthur and John Bonnett rode to Merom Sunday on their wheels.

C. O. Self went down to Pleasantville Saturday evening to sing at the commencement exercises there. He returned Sunday afternoon.

Rev. M. S. Reavenridge, Presiding elder of the Vincennes district conducted quarterly meeting at Ebenezer Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

Horace McNabb and George Sharpe spent Sunday in Centerville. It is difficult to tell which place has the most attraction for them Centerville or Shelburn.

Messrs Ed Bennett, Walter Payne, Chas. Beasley, Fred Shaffer, Jas. Moore and Misses Netha Montgomery, Louie Parsons and Lavade Walls attended church at Ebenezer Saturday night.

Correspondence.

SHELBURN.

Mrs. Geo. Welsh went to Sullivan Tuesday.

Flora Snyder of California is visiting relatives here.

Misses Minnie Manwarring and Dell Kendall, of Farmersburg, spent Sunday here.

Ed. Stewart went to Terre Haute, Sunday.

Gratia Gray left Sunday for Elwood where she will spend the summer.

Charley Bushell, Lina Smith and Effie Starks, of Sullivan, were here Friday night.

Misses Effie and Bessie Cuppy of Kemp, Ill., are visiting here.

S. L. McDonald, Author Mavity, and Misses Merle and Lola Graves, of Terre Haute, spent Sunday here.

Messrs. Sam Moore, John Pratt, Jake Branson, and Misses Nellie Taylor, Mollie Walls, Mattie Evans and Sadie Hillis, of Farmersburg, were here a short time Sunday.

Jesse Pierce and Reed Nesbit went to Terre Haute on their wheels, Saturday.

C. C. Hieson, of Chicago, was here Tuesday.

Walter Robison, of Chicago, was here Saturday.

Mrs. John Taylor went to Sullivan, Saturday.

Laura Blair, of Pimento, visited here last week.

Messrs. John Keyhoe, Fred Siner, Otis Sebering, and Misses Cosy Patten, Emma Buckley, and Mattie Bolinger spent last week on the banks of the Wabash, fishing. KID.

Obituary.

Mrs. Jane Yeager, wife of W. F. Yeager, departed this life about four o'clock p. m., May 7, 1898, in full triumph of faith in her Lord Jesus Christ, in whom she had been trusting since early girlhood. She was the eldest daughter of J. W. Smith, deceased, and was married to W. F. Yeager at the age of twenty years, Mr. Yeager being just one year older. From this union were born ten children, seven of whom are living—three sons and one daughter, all married except the youngest. Mrs. Yeager at her death was sixty four years, six months and twenty days old.

It can be truly said:

"None knew her but to love her,
None named her but to praise."

Bidding her grief stricken husband and mourning children all farewell she left them trusting they would endeavor to meet her in heaven where sorrow, suffering and grief shall end.

She was a good, obedient girl, and when grown to years of maturity developed into a good sympathetic woman in every phase of sickness and distress, being always ready "to lend a helping hand wherever needed, and especially was she self sacrificing with her children.

"Such beautiful, beautiful hands'
Though heart was weary and sad,
Her patient hands kept toiling on
That children might be glad.

We almost weep as looking back
To childhood's distant day,
We think how her hands reached not
While ours were at their play.

But O, beyond this shadowy damp,
Where all is bright and fair,
We know full well her dear old hands
Will palms of victory bear.

Where crystal streams [illegible] Heaven,
Flow over golden sands,
And where the old grow young again,
We'll clasp those hands.

A view of Farmersburg taken from the top of the bank building.

The old Brick Plant, which produced much of the building material found in the older structures of Farmersburg.

THE FARMERSBURG BEE.

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DEWEY IN DANGER

SITUATION AT MANILA IS NOW CRITICAL.

With the Exception of Manila and Cavite Rebels Control the Entire Island.

MANILA, Sept. 12.—Rear Admiral Dewey says he considers the situation critical. It is understood he has asked for an additional cruiser and battleship.

The Spaniards assert that Germany will take a coaling station here and that Spain will retain the remainder of the islands. The last Spanish garrisons at Ilocos and Laguna have surrendered and the whole island of Luzon is in the hands of the insurgents except at Manila and Cavite.

Aguinaldo has announced his intention of convening an assembly of the Filipinos on Sept. 15th in order to decide upon the policy to be adopted by the insurgents.

The correspondent here of the Associated Press has had an interview with Aguinaldo, who said there were 67,000 insurgents armed with rifles. He added he could raise 100,000 men. Indeed, the insurgent leader pointed out that the whole population of the Philipine islands were willing to fight for their independence.

Continuing, Aguinaldo said he had 9,000 military prisoners including 5,000 in the vicinity of Manila, besides civil prisoners Later Aguinaldo said the "provisional government" was now operating twenty-eight provinces. He asserted that on Aug. 2nd they elected delegates in numbers proportionate to the population.

As to the Americans, Aguinaldo remarked that he considered them as brothers and that "the two sovereign republics were allied against a common enemy."

When questioned as to whether the future Filipino policy would be absolute independence, Aguinaldo excused himself from replying, and asked what America intends to do.

Agninaldo continued: "We have been fighting for independence for a long time. The natives who profess to favor annexation are insincere. It is merely a ruse to ascertain American views."

Asked if the Filipinos would object to the retention of Manila, Aguinaldo declined to answer. Pending the conclusion of the assembly, he said, he was confident there would be no trouble between America and the Filipinos. He denied having received a request from General Otis and Rear Admiral Dewey to withdraw his troops to a prescribed distance from Manila and Cavite, and he declined to discuss the effect of such a request.

Aguinaldo further asserted that he had never conferred with the American authorities since the capitulation of Manila and that he has never authorized the insurgents to search or disarm Americans crossing the lines.

The correspondent closely questioned him about last Saturday's incident, when the Pennsylvania troops proceeded to establish a new outpost. The Filipinos objected and nearly precipitated hostilities, ordering the Americans to withdraw in twenty minutes. They issued ammunition and intercepted the American reinforcements. Finally General Hale ordered all the Pennsylvania troops to advance and the rebels withdrew.

The local governor has explained that the incident was a complete mistake, and has repudiated his subordinates' action Aguinaldo declared that the Filipino who made the trouble merely protested to an officer, and is entirely unconnected with the insurgent army. Auginaldo complained that the Spaniards were "disseminating false reports for the purpose of fomenting antagonism between the Filipinos and the Americans."

The whole interview conveyed the impression that Aguinaldo desires absolute independence, regards the mission of the Americans here as accomplished and expects their withdrawal, "just as the French with Lafayette withdrew after helping the Americans in the war of independence, a war of humanity."

Just now Aguinaldo maintains the role of extreme friendship.

A BAD ACCIDENT

Steven Sparks while working in the Halberstadt coal mine met with a bad accident Monday morning. He was diging at the coal when the roof suddenly gave away thus wholy covering him with rock and earth. His face is very much disfigured, his lower jaw bone being broken and other serious injuries. He was thought to be dead but by careful attention and work he was again brought to life. Drs, Faught and Kennedy dressed his wounds and he is now getting along very nicely.

Mr. John A. Curry informs us that the Fouith Annual Old Settlers' Meeting will positively be held in Bennett's grove one half mile west of Farmersburg on the 2nd Thursday in August 1899. He has already secured the services of two good speakes for the occasion. Bear this in mind and let the next gathering be larger than ever.

Mrs. Steve Brown and Mrs. Gus Burton with their families returned from a visit to their sister in Cincinnati Saturday. Steve came back with them as far as Terre Haute, but the train left him there. We have not seen Steve yet to get his explanation of how it happened.

Photos less than a penny each. Real genuine photos; No humbug, but first-class work. Over Mr. Sharpe's Drug Store. Beginning Thursday Sept. 22nd, and for 10 days only.

Wm. Johnson, Taylor Jewell, A. M. Clark, F. M. St. John and David Fisher returned from their visit to the Soldiers Re-union at Cincinnati Friday evening.

John G. Lloyd and Alex Bailey returned from Cincinnati Saturday. They say they saw lots of Old Soldiers at the Reunion.

Farmers call and get a guess on "The Farmers Encyclopedia" at Sharpe's Drug Store.

WITH A STILETTO

THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA IS ASSASSINATED.

She Was Carried to a Hotel Where She Died--President McKinley Cables Regrets.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Sept. 10.—The empress of Austria was assassinated this afternoon by an anarchist, who was arrested. He stabbed her majesty with a stiletto.

It appears that her majesty was walking from her hotel to the landing place of the steamer at about 1 o'clock, when an Italian anarchist suddenly approached and stabbed her in the heart. The empress fell, got up again, and was carried to the steamer unconscious. The boat started, but, seeing the empress had not recovered consciousness, the captain returned, and the empress was carried to the Hotel Beaurivage, where she expired.

The murderer is a man named Laochini. He was born in Paris of Italian parents.

The stretcher upon which the empress was carried to the hotel was hastily improvised with oars and sail cloth. Doctors and priests were immediately summoned and a telegram was sent to Emperor Francis Joseph.

All efforts to revive her majesty were unavailing, and she expired at 3 o'clock. The medical examination showed that the assassin must have used a small triangular file. After striking the blow he ran along the Rue Des Alpes with the evident intention of entering the Square Des Alpes, but before reaching it he was seized by two cabmen who had witnessed the crime. They handed him over to a boat man and a gendarme, who conveyed him to the police station.

The prisoner made no resistance. He even sang as he walked along, saying: "I did it and she must be dead."

At the police station he declared that he was a "starving anarchist, with no hatred for the poor, but only for the rich." Later, when taken to the court house, he pretended not to know French, and refused to answer questions. The police on searching him found a document showing his name to be Luigi Laochini, born in Paris in 1873, and an Italian soldier. He told the magistrate that he came to Geneva in order to assassinate "another important person," but had been unable to execute the project. The reason of his failure he did not give, but declared that it was only by accident he had learned of the presence of the Austrian empress in Geneva.

Washington Hears of It.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Upon receipt of Consul Ridgley's notification of the death of the empress President McKinley sent the following message of condolence:

Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., Sept. 10.—To His Majesty, the Emperor of Austria Vienna: I have heard with profound regret of the assassination of her majesty, the Empress of Austria, while at Geneva, and tender to your majesty the deep sympathy of the government and people of the United States.

WM. MCKINLEY.

E. R. RIGGS,

DENTIST,

DAVIS HOTEL BLOCK,

Sullivan, Ind.

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One shot from our 13 inch gun knocked best grade

Flour down to	55c
Sugar, white 18 pounds	$1.00
All package coffee	10c
Soda, tea, rice, pepper and all Canned Goods in proportion.	
13 bars soap for	25c
Masons fruit jars, pints, per dozen	60c
Quarts per dozen	70c
Sealing wax per pound	24c
All tinware as cheap in proportion.	
Good broom	10c
Umbrellas	49c
Rogers Bros. silverware, knives and forks per set	$3.50
Tea spoons per set	$1.00
Table spoons per set	$2.15

Great reductions in summer underwear. Keep your eye on this ad. it is subject to change next week.

T. V. PITTMAN FARMERSBURG INDIANA

Reduction Sale!

We cant quote prices on everything but here are some of them:

10 to 15c Cotton Dress Goods	5c
10 to 15c Wash Dress Goods	5c
1 lot Childrens 10c Hose	5c
1 lot Dress Gingham	5c

Our store is full of bargains and our prices speak for themselves.

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If you receive a copy of this paper and you are not a regular subscriber, consider it an invitation to subscribe. We give all the news. Give it a trial.

Merchants and business men are fast coming to appreciate the superiority of the Farmersburg BEE as an advertising medium. Actions speak louder than words.

"Teddy" Roosevelt has given it out that he will accept the nomination for governor of New York should it be tendered to him by the regular convention. No doubt there are others.

The BEE this week week issues several hundred extra copies which it sends to Pimento, Prairie Creek and Fairbanks. Our advertisers get the benefit of this extra advertising gratis. Our advertisers are treating us right and we are glad to reciprocate.

We are glad to note that the present principal of our schools, Prof. Bond, is in favor of a high school here in Farmersburg and along that line is now giving some dozen of his pupils the high school work. This is a much needed step in the right direction. The BEE is for education and advancement first last and all the time; and will gladly throw open its columns to any one wishing to contribute an articles on that subject.

Last Monday morning the Farmersburg schools opened with every thing favorable. One hundred and fifty-five were enrolled the first morning. Thirty-nine in the upper room, under Prof. Bond who is principal, sixty-two under S. T. Vancleave, teacher of the intermediate department, and fifty-six under Miss Brown in the primary room. Twelve of those in the high school room, we are glad to say, have taken up high school work.

With this edition the Farmersburg PROGRESS begins its career under a new title and in a different form. It will hereafter be known as THE FARMERSBURG BEE. The change in name and form will not in any way affect the subscriptions. Our policy will not deviate from that laid down in the opening address of the present management. The BEE, as its name indicates, will be at all times industrious in in getting items of news and notes of interest to its subscribers. Hoping to receive the hearty support of the community as heretofore, and hoping that the change in name and form will please our subscribers as well as ourselves we launch our paper in its new form and under its new name out on the public for its approbation.

Joe Swift of this city and a Miss Nelson of Jackson township were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock at 4:30 o'clock yesterday evening, Rev. A. M. Couch man performing the ceremony. We extend congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

It will pay you to see uncle Sam De Baun, the champion hog buyer, before selling your hogs, as he wants them all

HERE AND THERE.

CITIZENS AND FRIENDS WHO COME AND GO.

Farmersburg People Who Are Abroad and Friends Visiting Us.

Miss Myrtle Bennet of Jackson was in Farmersburg Monday.

The BEE wants your job work. Give us a trial.

Eilly Patten of Burchard was seen on our streets Monday.

Reduced prices on buggies for the next 30 days, at Ford's.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Jennings of Burchard were here Saturday.

W. E. Johnson sells 4 pounds of pickled meat for 25 cents.

Miss Minnie Beasley returned to Terre Haute last Thursday.

Homer Taylor and D. M. Drake spent Sunday in Terre Haute.

Sell your hogs and cattle to W. E. Johnson.

Geo. Branson visited in Centerville Sunday evening.

Remember the Combination Sale on Sept. 22nd 1898.

Go to W. E. Johnson for country lard; 3 pounds for 25c.

Dr. Baldridge of Coxville came down Monday to see his farms.

Miss Katy Morgan of Terre Haute was here Monday.

The editor and his family drove over to Centerville Sunday afternoon.

Mrs Wm. A. Johns visited her mother in Youngstown Saturday and Sunday.

Wesley Gaskins of Monroe Co. is visiting among relatives here, the first time for nine years.

The Indianapolis Journal and and the FARMERSBURG BEE both one year for $1.25 in advance.

The BEE and Twice-a-Week Detroit Free Press will be sent to your address one year for $1.25 left at this office.

Misses Clara Shaw and Jennie McMullin depated for Terre last Thursday where Miss Jennie will attend the High School this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Asbury and little Eugene Kemp came down from Terre Haute Saturday to remain a few days with E. K. Asbury and family.

Saturday the farmers of Honey Creek met at the court house and decided to employ a special officer to patrol the township, make arrests and prosecute all trespassers. The meeting was well represented, and after discussing the subject a committee composed of Theodore Hulman, W. P. Ijams and Thos. L. Durham was appointed and given authority to employ the officer and secure for him the necessary authority to make arrests. The movement has been talked of for years, as the actions of trespasssrs have been almost intolerable. It is claimed that these trespassers have killed stock, destroyed fences, killed poultry and insulted women. The appointment of the officer in this township will in all probability lead to the same action being taken by the property owners of other townships in the county.—T. H. Express.

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The old reliable smith. He is always ready for business. All work guaranteed first-class. I make a specialty of
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T. & T. H Excursions.

Terre Haute, Ind., one fare for the round trip. Account Terre Haute Trotting Association. Tickets sold Sept. 19th to 25 inclusive with a return limit of Sept. 26th 1898.

Indianapolis, Ind., one fare for the round trip. Account Insiana State Fair. Tickets sold Sept. 12th to 17th inclusive with a return limit of Sept. 18th 1898.

Denver, Col., one and one third fare for the round trip, account Annual Meeting Road and Track Supply Association. Tickets sold Sept. 13th to 16th 1898.

Plainfield, Ind., one fare for the round trip. Account Friends Yearly Meeting. Tickets sold Sept 13th to 21st 1898, with a return limit of Sept. 22rd 1898.

Evansville. Ind., one fare for the round trip. Account Tri-State Fair. Tickets sold Sept. 19th to 23rd inclusive. Good returning until Sept 24th 1898.

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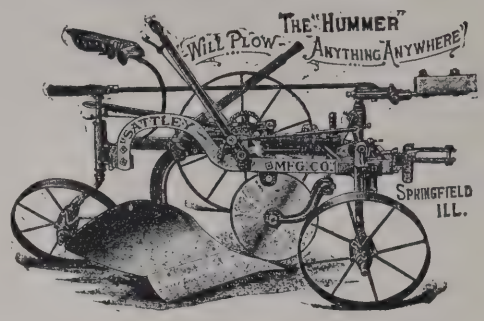

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FARMERSBURG . . . William A. Brunker

William A. Brunker was an outstanding contributor to the growth and development of Farmersburg, coming here about 3 years after the original town was laid out. He and his brother, James, had come from England about three years earlier, and he was engaged in an engineering project of building a bridge thru the Isthmus of Panama. This proved to be an impossible task, as the quicksand encountered swallowed up the construction as fast as it was erected. After two years on this job, he returned to New York where he was located for about a year, and sent for his wife and daughter, Lou, in England, to join him. Then James bought ground east of Farmersburg, and William bought several lots and built a general store located along the railroad. At that time the trains did not stop in Farmersburg, but by building a loading platform along the tracks in front of his store, he induced the railroad company to stop here for freight and later passengers. As the town was growing in population, Mr. Brunker wrote to Washington, D. C., asking for the establishment of a post office. His petition was granted and he became the first postmaster of Farmersburg, maintaining the postoffice in his store.

When Brother James bought farm ground farther east, William also invested in a farm, but he was no farmer. Farming with hired help didn't prove satisfactory. In disposing of his farm to a slicker who traded him some ground near Joliet, Illinois, later found to be under water, Mr. Brunker was able to retain his holdings when the fraud was revealed as his daughter, Minnie, filed a lawsuit in his behalf.

The miraculous benefits of Brunker's Balsam, developed and merchandised by Dr. Brunker, were demonstrated first in his own home. The sickness of his daughter, Lizzie, whose illness had reached the point of hopelessness, prompted Brunker to assemble a batch of the medicine from memory of the prescription he had heard about in a hospital in England while being treated for an abcess on his nose. He is reported to have given Lizzie a dose of Brunker's Balsam, kissed her and left for his day's work. When he returned in the evening she was at the gate to greet him. The fame of the elixer was spread by a fine medicine show which toured the country in a brightly colored circus wagon drawn by horses.

Being a showman, developed thru his sale of the medicine, Dr. Brunker naturally was interested in providing theatrical entertainment for the town. He bought and moved the old Ascension Seminary building and converted it into an opera house, which was a popular spot before the movie era.

Brunker's General Store was later converted into a hotel, and shortly after the turn of the century, the building was destroyed by fire.

THE BRUNKER FAMILY--Mrs. Lizzie Brunker Maher and her son and daughter, Archie and Lethia. seated are Dr. William A. Brunker and wife, Phoebe, Fannie Brunker Funk, Minnie Brunker Ross, Lou Brunker McClanahan, her daughter-in-law, Kate McClanahan, Lou's youngest daughter, Hazel Sherrod, and Minnie's son, John Ross.

BRUNKER'S HALL—The Ascension Seminary Building was moved to its present location on Main Street and remodelled into this center of social activity in 1888 by Dr. Wm. A. Brunker, who is standing at the left on the balcony. Next is his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Brunker Maher, who opened a millinery shop in the ground floor store room at the west end of the building. Standing next is her sister, Minnie Brunker Ross, and Dr. Foote. Coming out of the front door is Mr. Wiley, one of the carpenters, who is carrying his saw as the work has been completed. Branson's Hardware Store was housed in the small building just east of Brunker's Hall.

Brunker's Opera House was the scene of many fine road show productions which were quite the thing before the advent of the movies. Mrs. Lizzie Maher would double as entertainer and organist before and between acts with readings and music.

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Our sales on Brunker's Carminative Balsam have, for several years exceeded the combined sales of all other preparaitons of its class and has given complete satisfaction to our trade.

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DIRECTIONS

FOR ADULTS—One to two tablespoonfuls.
FOR CHILDREN—10 to 15 years old, half to a tablespoonful; 5 to 10 years old, two to four teaspoonsful.
FOR INFANTS—Half a teaspoonful, or more.

THE DOSE should be repeated every hour or two, and in severe cases oftener. In extreme cases the dose may be doubled. No danger from taking an overdose. **DON'T DRINK ANY WATER** for at least fifteen minutes after taking a dose, so as to allow the Balsom to have its full effect on the stomach.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

IN CHOLERA MORBUS—Take the larger dose named for the age and and repeat every half hour until relieved. If the patient is very weak give small doses of brandy or whiskey every hour for awhile, then substitute quinine in place of the stimulants every three hours, continue to use of the Balsam at intervals until fully recovered.

IN CONGESTION AND NEURALGIA of the Stomach and bowels, take large doses every hour or oftener. Keep the parts warm by the application of warm fomentations or hot flannel cloths. Use hot applications to the feet. When the paroxysm is relieved give three-grain doses of quinine every two hours for six or eight hours.

IN INDIGESTION with SOUR STOMACH and belching nothing can act with better effect. Take about half a tablespoonful immediately before each meal, season the food well with salt, avoid eating anything that causes distress—a milk diet is usually the best.

IN SUMMER COMPLAINT—The dose should be repeated every hour or two. Keep the bowels warm by covering them with a flannel bandage. Keep the child in a cool room, and when possible in the open air. Continue the Balsam until fully recovered.

IN DIARRHŒA—In mild cases take full dose repeated every two hours. In severe cases take large doses repeated every half-hour until controlled, and then lessen the dose and lengthen the intervals until well. The patient should remain as quiet as possible.

IN DYSENTERY OR FLUX—Take full doses every half hour or hour until the griping or bearing down pain is relieved, then smaller doses at longer intervals until well. Keep off the feet, remain quiet, keep the bowels warm and avoid too much water.

IN CRAMP COLIC—Take large doses, and in severe cases repeat every half hour until relieved. Keep quiet, and if the bowels do not move in five or six hours after the use of the Balsam, take a dose of Melol with a teaspoonful of paragoric in it.

OLD SOLDIER'S REUNION—Mr. and Mrs. Mahan, Wm. Bilby and family, Wm. Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Denney, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Asbury, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johns and Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smock, Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Giles, Mr. Stewart, Smith Hornbeck, Robert Parsons, James Forbes, Joe Berlien, Marshall Jennings, Mr. Turner, Wm. Cowan, Mr. Blair, Michael Everly, Nathan Terry, Ben Dowell, Ben Bailey, Charlie Moore.

In 1906, an enterprising young business man was operating a taxi service for the old soldiers who paid a dime fare for ther round trip to and from the barber shop. Pictured are Jackson Hinkle, Samuel DeBaun, Russell Kibler, driver, William Patton and Cal Harris, barbers, with Ancil Young standing in the barber shop door.

George Heap, Sam Moore, Ray Heap

Left to right: Wm. Johns, P. L. Combs, driver, Robert Parsons, Squire Wm. Gaskins, Frank Clark.

FARMERSBURG . . The 3 R's of Education

The first school building in Farmersburg was built of logs and was located one block south of the present school building. Mary McDonald, mother of Thurman attending school there and T. H. Kendall was one of the early teachers.

Ascension Seminary was started by Captain William T. Crawford in 1860 but before it was completed he went to the Civil War. After his return he opened a Normal School in September 1865. In 1872 the town was asked to raise a large amount of money which they were unable to do, so the school was moved to Sullivan.

Students from far and near attended Ascension and private homes would board them. Singings, literaries, band concerts, and home talent plays were held by the young people for their entertainment. Some of the earliest students were Dr. Jonathan Bennett, Dr. R. H. Vancleave, Dave Henry, John Chaney, Louisa Brunker McClanahan, Will Brunker, Mandy Deal, Milton Bennett, May Duncan Payne, Minnie Duncan, Mary Heap Smock, Hass Hinkle, Annie Hinkle.

In 1879-80 the school board for Farmersburg was James Heap, N. F. Conkle, Jackson Hinkle. P. A. Reed and James Heap were members of the County Board. W. S. Baldridge taught at District 2 in Jackson Township and D. L. Hopewell, Henry Ingraham, J. H. Wood, F. M. Nead, D. N. Curry, all of Ascension taught in Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, in Curry Township with total number of pupils, 277. At this time D. W. Henry was Principal of the Farmersburg School and Amanada J. DeBaun was the Primary teacher; the enrollment was 161 pupils.

In 1884 the grade school principal and band leader was B. R. McClellan and the assistant principal, Maggie Gaskins, The present school building now stands on the site of the old Seminary. The corner stone was laid in September 1905 and the building was dedicated February 22, 1906, the principal address being made by Captain W. T. Crawford.

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DESCRIPTION OF ASCENSION SEMINARY OR SULLIVAN GRADED SCHOOL.

NORMAL INSTITUTION

Ascension Seminary was established in 1865, at Farmersburg, Ind., by Prof. W. T. Crawford, where it remained for seven years, during which time its growth, in influence and members, was constant and rapid.

At the close of the [illegible] the parties interested united their interests and made a forward movement in the educational cause in Sullivan as the public school building in the town of Sullivan was in the act of completion, which is capacious and beautiful, hence the Ascension Seminary or Sullivan Graded Schools.

The Normal Department affords ample opportunities for carrying the graded school system to such an extent as to furnish a thorough and complete education.

The management of the school is vested in Professors Crawford and Cain, who are co-ordinate principals. Prof. Crawford has successfully taught for twenty years. Prof. Cain has completed the fourth of a century in successful experience as a teacher. This fact alone assures the public that they are among the first educators in the State.

TRUSTEES.—T. K. Sherman, Murray Briggs, Alex Snow.

PRINCIPALS.—Prof. W. T. Crawford and W. H. Cain.

ASSISTANT.—Miss S. McKinney.

PREPARATORY.—Miss A. J. Dobaun, Miss S. M. Cain, Miss A Stewart.

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.—Mr. A. S. Beazell and Mrs. A. S. Beazell.

NAMES OF THE GRADUATES OF 1873, WITH POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.—Hass Hinkle, Ascension, I. H. Kalley, Rockville, were appointed by the faculty to commencement honors. M. Cowen, Fairbanks, Ind., D. W. Henry, Jasonville, Ind., Annie Hinkle, Ascension, Ind., Sallie Harrison, Fairbanks, Ind., Stella Hinkle, Sullivan, Ind., H. M. Letsinger, Jasonville, Ind., M. R. Neal, Jasonville, D. A. Sherwood, Bloomfield, Silvester Stark, Ascension, Ind, R. H. Van-Cleve, Ascension, Ind., G. R. Weth[illegible], Worthington, Ind., Hass Hinkle, Ascension, Ind.

GRADUATES OF 1874.—*J. C. Chaney, Ft. Wayne. Ind., M. B. Crawford, Ft. Wayne, Ind,, Miss Mamie Cain, Sullivan, Ind., W. M. Moss, Linton, Ind., H. B. Stanley, Sullivan, Ind., M. H. Stark, Ascension, Ind., *Miss Annie Coulson, Sullivan, Ind.

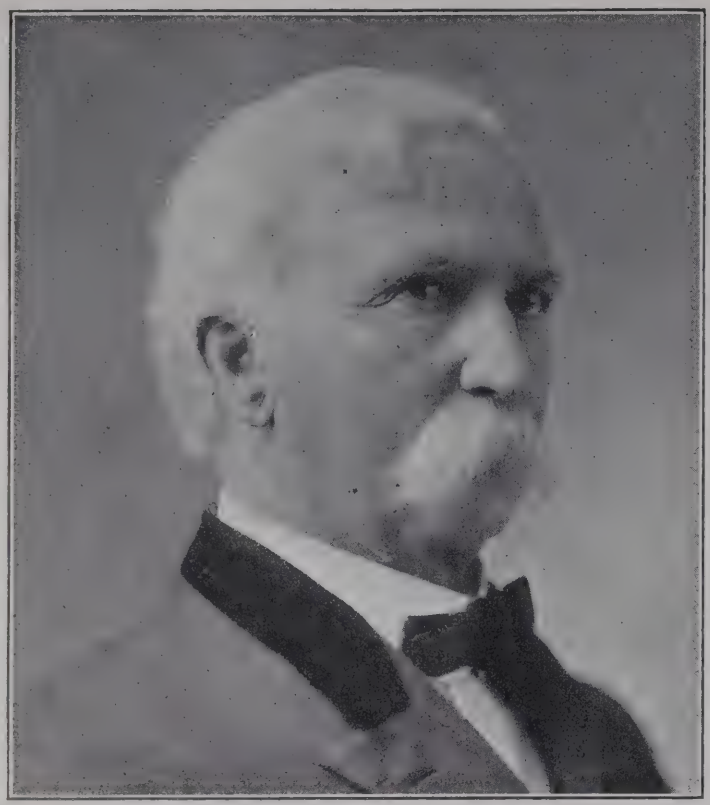
*Were appointed by the faculty to commencement honors.

Names of those who have been enrolled as students of Ascension Seminary. S. stands for Sullivan:

C. Armstrong, S.; W. S. Bicknell, S; C Bicknell, S; C Boles, S; S E Brocaw, S; W S Bowman, Ft Wayne, E A Brown, Pimento; J Brown, Pimento; A W Brown, Caledonia, Iowa; Theo Brewer, Graysville; P A Beecher, Pimento, D Brashier, S; Jno Brown, S; A Beecher, Pimento; W E Crawley, S; S T Cochran. Edwardsport; R H Catlin, Catlin; Geo Crawford, Ft Wayne; B Duncan, Chicago, Ills; G R Dutton, S; T J Ellis, S; W W Eckles, Vincennes, R Eaton, S; A Eaton, S; W H Elson, Bridgeton; G B Ellis, S; E Ford, Summit Grove; J Freeman, S; G Freeman, S; W Giles, S; P A Griffith, S; B Hummel S; A W Haycock, S; W Hawkins; S; C Hammil, S; W A. Hale Pleasantville; J E Hughes, S; H C Hawkins, S; A H Kerns Hillsdale, R H Kelley, York, Ills; F A Liston, S; E Leach, S; W Moore, S; J L McKinney, S; W E Mason, S; F. Mayfield, S; J S Murphy, S; N A Murphy, S; C N Murphy, S; O P Martin, Bridgeton; J Norris, S; G O Newton, Dana, Ind; G R Nugent, Newberry; J G Osborn, Shelburn; L E Ott, Rockville; T J Orndoff, New Lebanon; Wm Palmer, S; M J Phillips, Graysville, R J Richards, S; J H Reed, S; E A Ridgeway, S; M Robertson, S; J F Rawlings, Prairie Home, Ills; L H Reed, St Bernice; G W Reed, St Bernice, J M Reeder, Clinton, M Rose, New Lebanon, J H Stewart, S, W H Skidmore, Toronto, A C Sharp, Dana; A P Stratton, S; T Sherman, S; I Snow, S: T N Scott, S; G E Sinclair, S; Wm Sinclair, New Lebanon; E A Thurman, S; O C Taylor, S; G M Webster, Brazil; W Wilkey, S; S Wilson, S; J N Warrick; Jasonville; Jno Willis, S; W H Wilkey, S; L G Woodruff, Riley.

LADIES' LIST.

Beecher, M. L. Pimento. Brighton, N D Sullivan; A Buff, S; M S Barns, S; M Carr, S; L Chranicki, S; I Crawford, S; O Clugage, S; J Davis, S; L Eaton, S; A Franklin, S; E Faught, S; E Griffin, S; J Griffin. S; Bell Gordon, S; R Griffith, S; M Hawtin, S; M and F M Hawkins, S; L Hamil, S; K Hughes, S; C Hardesty S; A Higbee, S; T Kildow, S; M Johnson, S; M Letsinger, Jasonville; A McClanahan, S; J Manwaring, Louis; S McDonald, Shelburn; B McGrew, S; F Montgomery, Terre Haute; M McKinley, S; Alma Milner, S; E Mary, S; N Newton, Dana; F and M Orr, S; T Price, S; A Paton, S; L Page, Merom; M Patton, S; A Robinson, S; J Ridgeway, S; F. M. Stansil, S; M Sherman, S; M Snow, S; E Scott, S; Sally South, S; E Saucerman, S; M Trueblood, Graysville; E Wright, Shelburn; S Wise, S; M J Willis.



CAPT. W. T. CRAWFORD

The following paragraphs were taken from an article in a Sullivan newspaper, October, 1914. The article was written concerning the life of Capt. Crawford who died October 15, 1914.

"Capt. Crawford came to Sullivan county at the age of twenty-one and after farming a crop of corn in Jackson township in the spring of 1860 organized a private school in a cottage of two rooms in Farmersburg.

Mr. Crawford's methods of teaching were new and so far in advance of local work as to greatly attract the population and at the opening of a second term of three months, his enrollment was so large that he was compelled to divide the attendance into a forenoon group.

His name and fame as a teacher brought to him students from the surrounding country in such numbers as to turn his attention to the erection of a school building for the accomodation of the increased attendance. At his own expense he built a frame two story building thirty by fifty with two rooms below and one above stairs with a wide porch or portico on the front to which outside stairways afforded entrance to the upper story.

Before the building was plastered and furnished the Civil War broke out and Mr. Crawford became a soldier. After discharge from the army, he returned to Farmersburg and founded Ascension Seminary in the building which he had begun before the war.

The ideal of Ascension Seminary was more than the fundamentals of education. Its ultimate purpose was to teach men and women how to teach and the fame of Ascension Seminary spread far and wide as the greatest school in western Indiana.

Professor Crawford possessed remarkable energy, he had the ability to and did impart his energy and zeal to his pupils, so that the teachers from Ascension Seminary wherever they went easily outclassed those from any other educational institution. His seventy pupils in the new building in 1865 soon expanded into many hundreds so that in 1872 the attendance so far outgrew its quarters that it became necessary to provide more room through a more commodious building and steps were then taken through patrons of the school to build such buildings as would meet the demands of the school and accordingly there was raised a subscription of $70,000 for the purpose. Professor Crawford himself put down his name for $10,000 which sum he was well able to pay. For some years a State Normal school for Indiana had been discussed and this gratifying showing at Farmersburg spurred to duty the educational interests here and there throughout the State, and resulted in the establishment of the Normal School at Terre Haute.

The State having thus taken up the work which Professor Crawford had so auspiciously prospered; and the Central School building at Sullivan then being near completion, the school trustees of Sullivan persuaded Professor Crawford to accept the superintendency of the Sullivan Graded Schools and to transfer Ascension Seminary to the new Sullivan building which was done, the seminary students occupying the entire third story of the building."

One of the customs of the early school was to have Friday Afternoon Exercises. The program which follows was dated November 20, 1874.

Invocation ..... Rev. A. Ward
Music
Salutatory ..... Miss Mary Heap
Music
Essay, "Development of Mankind"..Linnie McClain
Declamation, "Responsibilities of
American Citizens" ..... Sil Chaney
Music
Paper, "Golden Chariot" ..... Mannie DeBaun
Play, "No Rose Without a Thorn"
..... Noah Crawford and Ella Hinkle
Music
Oration, "Improvement of Mankind"
..... Andrew Curry
Medley ..... S. U. Brown
Declamation, "Sammie Tickle-tooth"
..... Minnie Brunker
Music
Paper, "Hoosier School Master" ..... Robert Blair
Music
Oration, "The Struggle up the Hill of Science"
..... Belle Barbre
Music
Play, "Young Amazon"
..... James Branson and Omie South
Music
Valedictory ..... Emma Baldridge
Music
Adjournment

DISTRICT #5, CURRY TOWNSHIP, John A. Curry, Teacher, November 9, 1893

Front row — Elmer Taylor, Charles Kirkham, Chester Woodard, Etta Allen, Rolla Denney, John Taylor, Mattie Hopewell, Lela Morgan, Bert May, Claude Mitchell

Second row — Arb Kirkham, James Denney, Joe Mitchell, James Branson, William May, Baxter Denney, Etta Jewell, Cleo Collins, Bessie Taylor, Mary Allen

Third row — Maggie Collins, Grace Denney, Daisy Kirkham, Maggie Woodard, Clem Kirkham, Lon Mitchell, Will Allen, John Mitchell, Will Kirkham, George Mitchell

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1st row: Basil McAllister, Zelma Terry, William Cassidy, Imo Manwarring, Donald Ogden, Ruth Forbes, Wade Daugherty, Emma Bercaw, Herbert Allen, Hope Crooke, Lodell Crawford.

2nd row: Nina Heck, Martin Cassidy, Hazel Paris, Paul Nurnberger, Merle Bennett, George Kennedy, May Hamrick, Gilbert King, Gertrude Brannam, Carl McGath, ... Ring, Rupert McCallister, Russell Kibler.

3rd row: Homer Samm, Alta McAllister, Imo Metcalf, Mabel Heck, Clotine Waggoner, Minta McGath, Mildred Brown, Emma Jolly, Lula Jones, Mary Baily, Maude Workman, Bessie Wallace, Helen Downing, Professor O'Dell.

4th row: Hazel Cowan, Max Moore, Ethel Bercaw, Estol Stoner, Hosea Stewart, May Wood, John Burton, Ruth Parish, Albert Russell, Gladys Akers, Joe Collins.

5th row: Elsie Samm, George King, Lena Wilson, Ray Wood, Mary Gaskins, Lawrence Mullens, Elsie Oaks, Lee Waggoner, Ruth White, Paul Lash, Martha Barbre.

1st row: Temple Shaw, Ross Graham, Wayne Liston, Don Kendall, Tom Sharpe, Alva Young, Ralph Grover, Bert Combs, Frank Kennedy.

2nd row: Dora McClanhan, Vera Brown, Hallie Hill, Esther Hook, Vae Ross, Sadie Henneman, Goldy McGlone, Eva Robinson, Ina McNeeley, Daisy Ridgeway.

3rd row: Audrey Gaskins, Abbie Ray, Floyd Everly, Eddie Heck, Unknown, Victor Mavity, Frank Bowne, Herman Taylor, Clyde Hall, Herman Moore, Ray Young, Ira Patten, Ewing Kester, Loring Halberstadt, Lula Harris, Lois Liston.

4th row: Spencer Reed, Cecil Vancleave, Joy Gaskins, Anna Terry, Zoe Barbre, Bonnie Scott, Blanche Ridgeway, Lydia Moore, Golda Kendall, Iva Sharpe, Gladys McClanahan, Nellie Latham, Ruth Collins, Eva Young, Alva Taylor, Blanche Hauger, Edith Collins.

5th row: Ansyl Hall, Margaret Goble, Maude Moore, Essie Allen, Gladys Hopewell, Carrie Henneman, Eva Gaskins, Zella Gaskins, Anna Ray, Tessie Mahan, Etta Halberstadt, Ethel Burton, Arpie Turner, Grace Forbes.

6th row: Marshall Jennings, Sarah May, Edna Allen, Eugenia Foote, Daisy Sharpe, David Cushman, E. A. O'dell, R. A. Gantz, Hazel Carr, Edgar Stewart, Marion Goble, Edgar Liston, Eillie Robinson, Elmer Moore, Bill Denney, Ray Vancleave, Emory Lewis.

In Windows: Cecil Hauger, Roy Moore, Harry Baldridge, Orville Bowne, Roy Hopewell.

FARMERSBURG FAIR TIME

Pictured with the display in front of Hosea Stewart's Store are: Edwin Ford, Unidentified, Martin Campbell, Luther Patten, ... Shope, W. S. Baldridge, Harden Stewart, Lee Allen, Hosea Stewart, ... Stalcup, Charles Heap, Dan Moore, Roscoe Heck, and Dick Bridwell.

Telephone Company Garage now occupies site of the Jonah N. Hopewell Store.

J. P. Allan's General Store

FARMERSBURG . . . . Old Settlers Picnic

The old Soldiers Reunions were held soon after the Civil War ended and drew large crowds and were held as long as the veterans were able to carry it on.

The first Old Settlers picnic was held August 27, 1896 at Bennett's Grove by John A. Curry, a young law student of Farmersburg. The idea was suggested to him in June of that year by Rev. George Asbury that he plan something for the old people. Six thousand people attended the first year and the Rev. George Asbury gave the opening prayer. The second picnic was held August 12, 1897 and ten thousand people attended that year. It was under the management of Mr. Curry but he was assisted in advertising the meeting by the FARMERSBURG PROGRESS a weekly paper edited by C. A. Lloyd. Mr. Curry assumed all expenses for music, railroad fare for the speakers. advertising and credentials. All trains stopped here and Mr. Curry obtained half fare rates for two days on trains running between Terre Haute and Vincennes, also a special train from Terre Haute at 7 a. m. on the day of the picnic. Hacks would meet all trains and a parade at 10:30 escorted the speaker to the grounds. Business houses and private homes were decorated with flags and bunting; Stores closed a part of the day. People came from Vigo, Sullivan, Clay, Knox and Greene counties in Indiana and Crawford in Illinois. Noted speakers were obtained but that part of the program was in the afternoon. The forenoon was given over to the old people. The ones on the stage being more than seventy but all over fifty registered. There was always a reunion of Ascenson Seminary students, a baby show, a merry-go-round and stands that sold sandwiches, lemonade, peanuts and cigars.

Among prizes given away was a year's subscription to the SULLIVAN TIMES to Jackson Hinkle for being the oldest settler of Sullivan County. Marshall E. Scott of Centerville was the tallest man and received a pair of trousers from W. E. Woods at Sullivan. Charles Parish was the slimmest man and received a sugar cured ham from Gaskins and Allen. J. W. Huntwork was the oldest bachelor present and won a years's subscription to the Farmersburg Progress. These are just a few of the prizes that were given.

Books were printed with the program and interesting facts about Sullivan County. At night a concert was held in Brunker's Hall by the Davis Concert Company. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music, whistling solos and recitations.

BAND AT OLD SETTLERS PICNIC IN 1911

1st row, l to r: Forest Foote, Dick Hawkins, Fred Jewell, Bert Huntworth, Harry Baldridge.
2nd row: Ray Wood, Chloral Bennett, Charles Huntworth, Guthrie Wisener, Harley Huntworth, Guy McClanahan, Billy Fordyce.
3rd row: Herbert Allen, Clarence Bennett, Clarence Cummins, Bert Jewell, Oscar Allen, Max Pittman, Roy Jewell.

FOSTER'S BAND—1st row, l to r: Dick Hawkins, Bert Huntworth, Harry Baldridge, Chloral Bennett, Marion Wallace, Emory Lewis, John Taylor, Mr. Foster.
2nd row: Unknown, Sam Miller Stoddard, Charles Huntworth, Guthrie Wisener, Billy Fordyce.
3rd row: Bert Jewell, Fred Jewell, Andrew Granger, Ross Turman, Artie Dickey, William Wallace, Clarence Bennett.

JEWELL'S ORCHESTRA—Roy Jewell, Forest Foote, Guy McClanahan, O. T. Calvin, Clarence Bennett, Pearl Smith, Hosea Collins, Nina Heck, Fred Jewell, James Everly. June 9, 1912

FARMERSBURG . . . . . Our Physicians

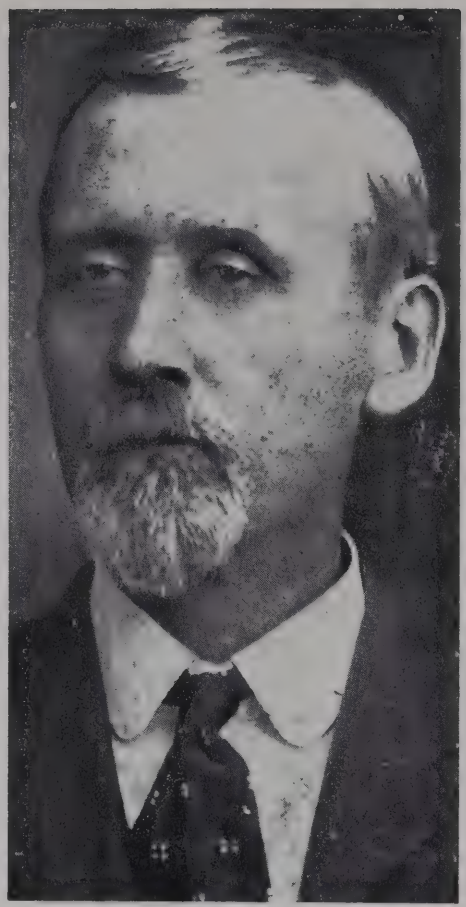
Farmersburg has had a number of doctors but Dr. Cyrus Duvall was thought to be the first one. He rode a mule and was often a visitor in the home of Henry Vancleave, father of Dr. R. H. Vancleave.

Dr. Wm. A. Brunker did not practice. Dr. Ziba Foote, father of Wint Foote and Flora Brown, practiced medicine for sixty years, forty-eight of which were in Sullivan County. He moved to Lewis in 1894 where he remained in active practice until about six months before his death in 1907, age 83. Dr. Foote lived in the days when doctors indulged in advertising. A notice in the Sullivan Democrat, March 21, 1861 says in part: "I could go on and tell my qualifications to a great length, about how quickly my plasters relieve pain, what good ointments I have for old sores, how easily I could extract a tooth, how successfully I have conducted my patients through the typhoid fever, how quickly I have broken up chills with my never failing ague drops etc., but I will say nothing about these things now, people will know better about them after they have given me a trial. Ready to attend all calls either far or near, night or day, for rich or poor....."—Ziba Foote.

A number of doctors who did not reside in Farmersburg a great length of time were Dr. John Parker, Dr. James W. Nebergall, Dr. Henry Hopewell, Dr. Chas. W. Russell, Dr. Gilbert Thomson, Dr. Pearl Bennett, Dr. Rufus Hyatt, Dr. Ammerman, Dr. Loop, Dr. J. W. Lane, Dr. Milton Bennett, and Dr. John Butler. The following practiced here for several years: Dr. Wm. Duncan, Dr. John H. Bennett, Dr. Jesse Barbre, Dr. T. W. Kennedy, Dr. R. H. Vancleave, Dr. W. C. Faught, Dr. J. T. Oliphant and our two doctors who are in active practice now, Dr. H. C. O'Dell and Dr. R. O. Bethea.

Dr. R. H. Vancleave and his 1910 Buick "Stork Racer"

J. T. Oliphant, M.D.



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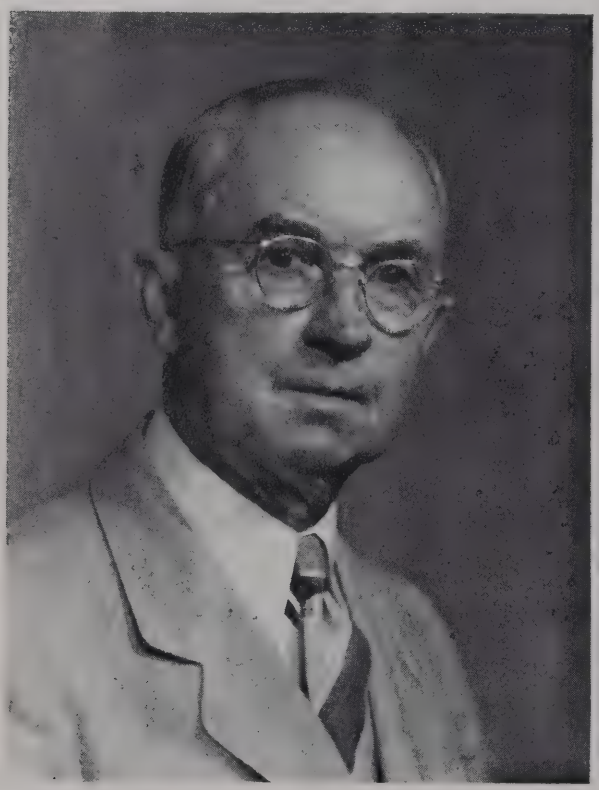
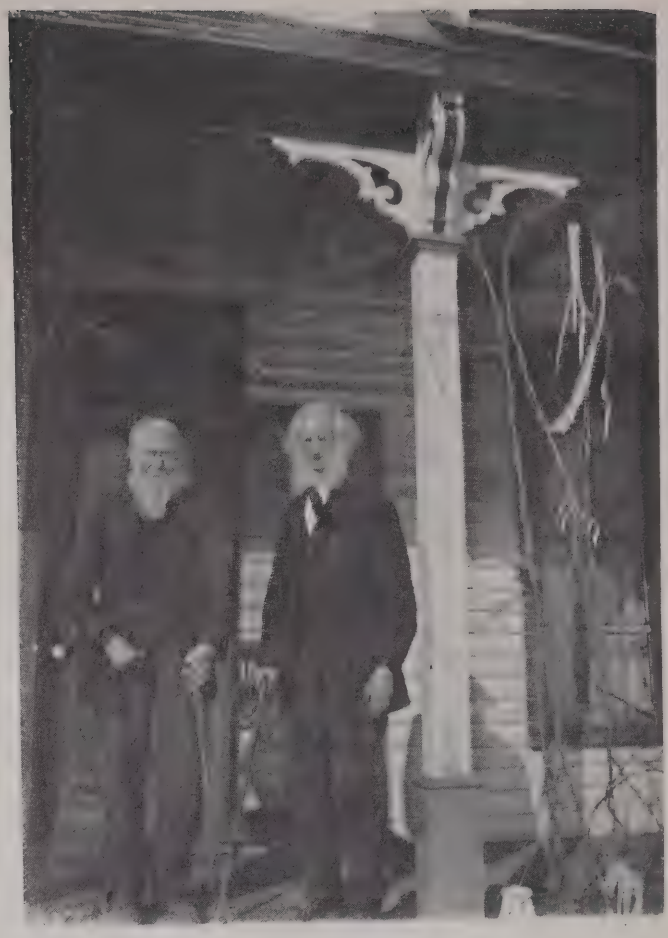


E. A. O'Dell, Ph.D.

E. A. O'Dell, Ph.D., came to Farmersburg in 1904 as Principal of the Farmersburg Public Schools. This was the last year the old frame building was used. The High School had only a two year course at that time, but Dr. O'Dell had a vision of Farmersburg High School with a four year course. So in 1908, the first class to graduate from a four year course went out from the Farmersburg schools. In 1909 the first Alumni meeting was held; Mr. O'Dell is remembered as the founder of the Alumni organization and to him goes the credit of the beginning of a four year course for Farmersburg High School.

For many years he touched the lives of the young people of Farmersburg. He was the source of inspiration for many in those days.

Dr. O'Dell was a great school man. He was not only a source of inspiration to the students but those who taught under him realized that they had received a course of training in service.



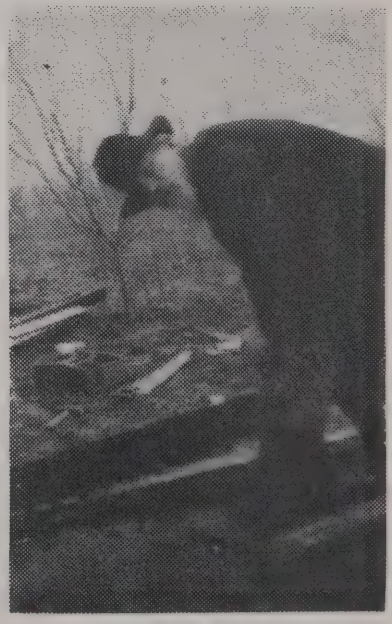
James McCammon, age 92 years
Kenneth Self, age 89 years

John C. Chaney

John C. Chaney was an honor graduate from Ascension Seminary in the class of 1874.

He also taught here while preparing for a law career and was married to Miss Ella Saucerman. They started housekeeping in the brick house on Railroad street which was owned by Dr. Jesse Barbre.

Later Chaney was elected Congressman from this district.



"Uncle Press" Reed

Farmersburg's Birthday

Through Winter storms and Summer heat
Along your sidewalks and your streets
Fond memories fill my heart today
Bring back the past on this Birthday
Gone are the faces I once knew
The old familiar Landmarks too
But time and space cannot erase
No other town can take your place
Where neighbors with their friendly smile
Give you a helping hand worthwhile
Along its garden paths there blooms
Sweet flowers with their rare perfumes
God surely loved this town a lot
To make it such a garden spot
So always in your heart do pray
That God will keep it just this way.

—Bryce Dickerson

Farmersburg Centennial Launches Second Century For Community

WORSHIP SERVICE MOST INSPIRING

The first hundred years may be the hardest but the one week Centennial Celebration of Farmersburg was the best community activity that has been held, many declared.

No doubt, the union worship service on the opening night. Sunday, June 14, was the outstanding event of the week, and was the best attended of any of the evening programs. A combined chorus of more than fifty voices sang under the direction of Russell Kibler, to the accompaniment of an old parlor organ, loaned by Mrs. Guy Sanders, and played by Mrs. Kibler.

Dr. Frederic Parker, Chairman of the worship service program, gave the invocation. Rev. Tom Jennings read the scripture, and Rev. Carl Allinger offered the prayer. Greetings from former pastors in the community were given by Rev. Orville Huffman and Rev. Guy McCrocklin. The Farmersburg Mensingers directed by Fred Lash sang preceding the offertory interlude in charge of Rev. Carl Allinger. Rev. Mead H. Reynolds,. retired former minister of the Farmersburg Methodist Church, delivered the Centennial Sermon, and the closing prayer was offered by Rev. James V. Price. The entire service was very inspiring as many attended dressed in old style clothes, and the program provided a wonderful atmosphere to begin the Centennial observance.

Throughout the week on centennial days, the women donned their bonnets and old fashioned dresses, which were much more attractive than the crop of whiskers most of the men were displaying.

FARMERSBURG MENSINGERS

TUESDAY EVENING

Providing warm-up music while the Tuesday evening group was gathering, was a sheepskin band, whose stirring music was a fitting prelude to the program. Musicians were Herschel Richardson, Orval Hall, Reid Ross, E. V. "Doc" Ross, and Fred Lash.

On Tuesday evening, Bob Hardy and Co. of WTTV provided the entertainment to the delight of many of their TV fans. Prof. E. A. O'dell introduced Dr. Carlyle Buley of Indiana University, who gave an address on the early history of Indiana and the heritage which the pioneers gave all of us to perpetuate.

BAND CONCERT

Thursday evening was the most unusual as old hoosier hospitality hit a new high as the town welcomed the 31st Dixie Division Band of Camp Atterbury, and the band gave a thrilling concert under the direction of Warrant Officer Daniel Miller. The director and other members of the band expressed appreciation for the finest meal and the best reception they had ever been given, and a willingness to be invited back any time.

SATURDAY EVENTS

But Saturday remained to be a big day also, starting with stunts and activities at 2:00 p. m. followed by a parade and the evening program.

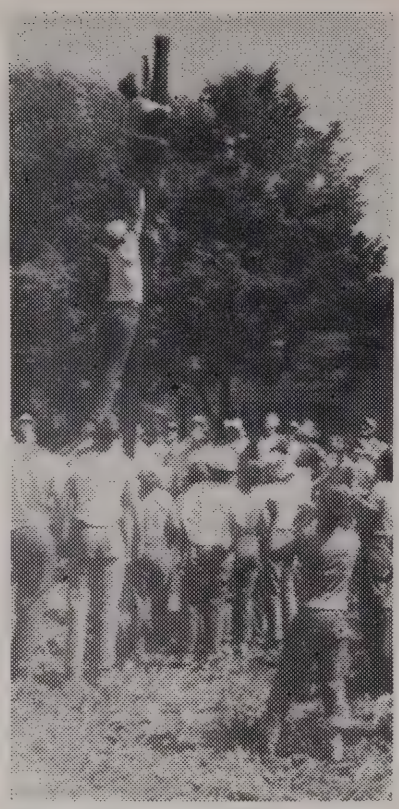
The Hog Calling Contest for women was lots of fun with Mrs. Edith Scott and Mrs. Verner Hunter sharing first place honors and dividing the prize.

Winners of the decorated bike contest were Ronny Duling for the boys and Judy Berlien for the girls.

The greased pole provided plenty of excitement and fun as a number of boys took turns trying to reach the prize on top. It was not until the boys started climbing up each other that Jimmy Burk was able to capture the award fastened on the pole.

Yes, there were six horse and buggy rigs to show up for the judging, and a fine surrey outfit showing up too late for the contest.

First prize was won by the Frakes family in one of the old closed-in jobs. Jackie Wood as Ma, Meredith Greggs as Pa, Byron Greggs, and Ronny Jennings took second place with their white mule drawn buggy complete with all hillbilly equipment of powder horns, guns and jugs. 3rd place was won by Mrs. Maye Johnson and Mrs. McCammon in a mule drawn spring wagon in full regalia of beard and bonnet. Other entrants were Jake Fidler and Bill Bailey who had the most fun of all in their two wheel sulky: Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Russell, and Earl Jennings and Dennis Stuck. Elmer May and family in a surrey arrived too late for the judging but took part in the parade which followed.



JIMMY BURK GRABS PRIZE

Winners in the judging of the best dressed women were: Mrs. Glen Milam, first, Helen Shaw second and Mrs. Edith Scott, third.

The Switz City High School Band played and the baton twirlers displayed their ability during the stunts on the school grounds, and headed the parade as it moved along Main Street.

The Saturday evening program opened with a number of selections by the Farmersburg Mensingers, with Mrs. Claude Turner as accompanist, and Miss Linda Calvin as soloist. Also Miss Calvin and Fred Lash, director of the group teamed for a duet number. Archie Brown was featured as vocalist in a romantic Indian number.

Judges for the Beard contest were Prof. E. A. O'Dell, Dr. Joe Oliphant and Ed King. Harold Frakes was declared the grower of the best beard, Loren Boyll 19 years old, was the youngest beard grower, and Zeb McGlone, 67, was the oldest man in the contest.

The Oldest resident to claim the honor was Mrs. Lizzie Shaw, with a record of 83 years.

The largest family of the most generations present was the family of four generations present which was that of Mrs. Nellie Gaskins, mother of Archie Brown and Mrs. Hazel Maikranz of Evansville, her daughter, Marie Woolley and her children, Terry, Susan and Michael.

MRS. LUCIUS CATON

MRS. LAWRENCE MAY

MOVIES MAKE HIT

Movies of local people taken about 15 years ago by Fred Jewell, as well as some taken recently were shown to the delight of all. A short medicine show act was put on to boost the sale of The Centennial History Books which are being prepared with the Legion Auxiliary taking the orders. Door prizes were awarded all three nights to about fifty badge holders, which feature enabled the finance committee to sell all 502 badges which had been order for the celebration.

The Hometowners Quartet furnished entertainment after the movies.

In closing the celebration Archie Brown, who had been general chairman for the affair expressed appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation which had marked the presentation of the programs. He said, "The fine cooperation I have received from everybody in planning and presenting this Centennial program, prompts me to say that I will gladly serve as the general chairman at the next Centennial Celebration."

The celebration was sponsored by the Farmersburg Community Club, the officers of which wish to thank all who in any way helped to make the affair the success it was. To all the committee members, badge buyers, donors to the prizes, contestants, entertainers and all who entered into the spirit of the occasion by their dress or whisker growing, the club expresses a hearty "Thank You."

(Taken from The Farmersburg News, Thursday, June 25, 1953)

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

Archie Brown, General Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE
- Roy A. McGlone, chairman
- Harold Lash
- Ray Wood
- Roscoe Crosson
- James McGarvey
- Loren Lash
- Harry Baldridge
- Paul L. Greggs

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE COMMITTEE
- Ministers of the Community

FOUR GENERATIONS

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
- Fred Lash, chairman
- Richard Lash
- Wm. S. Bailey
- Wayne Russell
- J. Hubert King
- Jack Turner

STAGE & DECORATING, SOUND & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
- Ray Dills, chairman
- Jacob Fider
- Ray Reed
- Herman Bennett
- Paul Thomas
- Joe Fox
- Loren Pullum
- Otto French
- Lowell Quick

STUNTS & CONTESTS COMMITTEE
- Bob Lindsey, chairman
- Jack Hawhee
- Al Dikowski
- Bill Baldridge
- Ben Easter
- John F. Allan
- Clare Thomson

ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
- Archie Brown, chairman
- Jack Jewett
- Floyd Calvin
- Robert Fox
- Earl Johnson
- Floyd Chamness

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Pictured as they gathered for the Tuesday evening Farmersburg Centennial observance, pioneers mingled with the moderns in the enjoyable programs.